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RESIDENTS RILED BY 'DUST BOWL'



A 'DUST bowl' stirred up by building work at Great Western Park is spreading dirt across parts of west Didcot, residents have protested.

Barleyfields resident Clive Appelbee complained of not being able to sit in his garden, open windows, or put washing out to dry as a result of dust from Didcot's newest housing estate.

So far more than 1,000 of 3,300 homes at the site have been built.

Mr Appelbee said: "The dust coupled with a prevailing wind

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in our direction has created dust plumes of a gigantic scale comparable with a Sahara sand storm."

Neighbour and vice-president of Didcot Chamber of Commerce, Glyn Hall, agreed - and said building site management is to blame.

He said: "Dust has been blown all over Didcot and residents like

myself in Barleyfields have been complaining about it for a while but nothing is being done.

"This development is destroying the quality of our lives and what's disgusting about it all is that we have lost all this agricultural land to this development which is becoming a dust bowl."

Mr Hall believes chief developers Taylor Wimpey should be monitored by South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) on how they carry out construction.

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• Glyn Hall's view of the works from his back garden in Barleyfields, Didcot



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Over half recycling centres could shut

COUNCIL leaders are urging residents to air their concerns on plans to close recycling centres across Oxfordshire.

Oxfordshire County Council launched a consultation on Monday into plans to save £350,000. They could see up to four of the county's seven recycling centres shut.

The consultation will run until October 5 with a final decision to be made later this year.

Deputy leader of Oxfordshire County Council, Rodney Rose, said: "This is the start of the process, not the end."

"We've not made any decisions on this point."

The council revealed plans to change its £1.2million-a-year household waste recycling centre operation on Monday.

It is planning to build one new centre to replace Ardley, near Bicester, and Alkerton, near Banbury.

Either Oxford's Redbridge

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centre, or Drayton's centre near Abingdon, could either expand or close.

Or both could close to be replaced by a new centre.

Oakley Wood recycling centre near Wallingford, Stanford in the Vale's recycling centre, and Dix Pit recycling centre near Stanton Harcourt, could also close.

The council had over one million visitors to the site last year.

South Oxfordshire District Council leader John Cotton said: "We fully understand the county council has to make changes, however, we could be left without a waste and recycling centre in South Oxfordshire."

"We've worked hard to achieve our status as number one recyclers in the country so seeing recycling options reduced for



• SODC leader John Cotton is urging residents to speak up

residents is very frustrating."

Elaine Ware, cabinet member for corporate strategy and waste at Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "These recycling centres are extremely important to our residents so we

are particularly concerned over the potential loss of Standford in the Vale."

The consultation is available in libraries, at Oxford's County Hall and through the council's website oxfordshire.gov.uk

£200,000 pay-out to Oxford flood victims

OXFORD City Council paid out nearly £200,000 to victims of the flooding in 2013 and 2014, leaders announced yesterday.

Around 100 residents and businesses were helped by a council

relief schemes.

The council say money went to homes and businesses directly affected by flooding.

Council leader Bob Price said: "I am pleased that we have been

able to support those residents and businesses after what was a very difficult and upsetting time."

"The variety of awards on offer meant that regardless of how they were affected people were

able to receive support."

Victims of flooding had their council tax bills cut, were given business rates support, and repair and renewal grants to pay for prevention measures, such as flood gates.

Oxford city was hit heavily by flooding in both 2013 and 2014.

Abingdon Road and neighbouring roads around Weirs Lane, Botley Road and Binsey Lane, were among the worst areas flooded in Oxford.

Cllr Price added: "In the future the council will be looking to all possible options for flood alleviation to ensure that circumstances like those in 2013 to 2014 are not repeated."

Fundraising for a flood alle-

viation channel - which would divert water from the Thames west of Oxford to Sandford-on-Thames - is currently underway.

Over £100m has been raised towards the £120m project and work could start by 2018.



• Abingdon Road and its residents and businesses were hit by severe flooding in both 2013 and 2014

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Council's fears over power station plans



• An architect's drawing of the plans for a development on the site of Didcot A Power Station

Dust whips up complaints

• From front page

He added he will not pay his council tax until he feels residents' pleas are being heard by SODC.

SODC approved a planning application for the development in July 2008.

The first houses were built in 2011.

Mr Hall added: "I do not want to pay my council tax as I feel the council are taking the mickey."

"The area should be watered down regularly and Taylor Wimpey should be monitored whilst the construction works continue."

Great Western Park resident

Swarna Wedatilake said: "Our car is always covered in dust and we can't open the windows at the front of the house because my husband is allergic to dust."

"A lot of the other residents around me suffer from the same problem and we hope that it will be over soon."

But Great Western Park resident, Adam Dobrzynski, said: "I get dust all the time but I'm living next to a construction site, it's a natural problem that comes with living here. It doesn't bother me."

SODC declined to comment on the complaints.

But an email disclosed by Mr

Hall from SODC's head of corporate strategy, Claire Kingston, states the council is aware of the problems.

It reads: "I am very sorry that you have had cause to complain about the building work."

"My environmental health team are aware of this issue and have met with the site owners on the site to discuss the dust problem."

It adds contractors are now using water bowsers on the site in a bid to dampen down the dust to stop it spreading.

Taylor Wimpey did not respond to requests for a comment.

DIDCOT Town Council has recommended proposals for 400 homes on the site of Didcot A Power Station for refusal due to fears the site is not completely decontaminated.

Joint developers Clowes Developments and Graftongate submitted an online planning application to both Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire district councils in June - as the plans cover both districts.

The proposals include a supermarket, a 150-bed hotel, a pub, restaurant, a retail park the size of about 19 football pitches and a Science Bridge over the A4310.

However, the town council recommended the plans for refusal at a planning and development committee meeting on July 30 over fears of a risk of contamination and insufficient pedestrian links between the site and the town centre.

Town council leader Charlie Robertson said: "Whilst the council welcomes investment in the area, the plans need to take into account certain considerations."

"Due to the site being formerly part of the Ministry of Defence central ordnance depot, it cannot be said with any level of certainty what foundation the potential houses will be built on."

"We can only move forward once the council has clarity that there is no risk of contamination and

the site does not pose any environmental concerns."

Cllr Robertson believes that with a potential 800 cars on the roads due to this development, safe routes must be considered to offer pedestrians ease of access to the town centre.

Kelly Brown, spokesperson for RWE Npower, who sold the site to the developers early last year, said that it was 'long decontaminated' before RWE Npower decided to sell.

She said: "It had to be fully decontaminated due to the fact that vehicles had moved coal and oil on that site."

The £35million bridge in Vale of White Horse District Council's local plan would go from the power station site north of the A-road to Great Western Park housing estate south of the road.

Didcot A coal-fired power station shut down in 2013 and three of its six cooling towers were demolished by explosion in July last year.

The three other cooling towers are to be demolished next year and the full site is not expected to be fully decommissioned until the end of 2016.

A target decision date for the plans is set for February 18 next year.

The developer's consultants, Pegasus, are hoping to start building by 2017 at the earliest.

News Bites

Drunk rescued

DIDCOT: A 'partially conscious' man who was under the influence of alcohol was rescued by fire crews in the lakes on Ladygrove, near Venners Water in Didcot, in the early hours of Saturday morning.

At approximately 12.40am, Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service was called to reports of a 43-year-old man clinging to a piece of wood.

Firefighters wearing dry suits pulled the man to safety.

Arson attacks

DIDCOT: A spate of five arson attacks in Didcot including a post box being set alight are being investigated by police.

Between 10.30pm and midnight last Monday, August 3, vandals set fire to a post box in



Tyne Avenue (pictured) damaging several letters inside.

Four other fires were started the same evening - three affecting bins and grass in the Ladygrove

Park area.

Police believe all incidents are linked.

A group of four to five young people were seen running away from one of the bin fires.

Police Constable Matthew Agar, of Didcot Police Station, said: "Fires can quickly spread and these arsons could have had serious consequences."



• The construction site at Great Western Park



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Didcot's Mr Muscle cleans up



• Chris Charles on stage (photo by Matt Marsh)

A DAD-of-two from Didcot won a regional fitness contest on Saturday, securing his place in the national finals.

Chris Charles, of Dart Drive in Ladygrove, lifted the trophy at Port Talbot in Wales after a day of muscle poses and parading.

Mr Charles, 37, has been weightlifting for two years and training for the contest for six months.

He said: "I was really nervous in

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the weeks leading up to the event, but on the day I was feeling good.

"It was a physique contest so judges aren't looking at just how big you are. They look at symmetry as well as your poses.

"I did about six months prep but the last eight weeks of dieting were really brutal."

Mr Charles, who owns a flooring business, is now set to compete in the UK Ultimate Physique finals in Stoke on November 7.

Mr Charles's wife Alice, 35, daughter Hollie, 15, and son Owen, six, supported him from the crowd.

He added: "I wasn't expecting to win at all.

"I'll be going in to the finals to win, but if I finish top five or top three I'll be ecstatic."

Mr Charles is a taekwondo black belt, and started weightlifting two years after sustaining an injury when he found it was the only exercise he could do.

He said: "I was lifting and I just decided I needed a challenge."

Mrs Charles said she wasn't surprised when he announced his fitness ambition.

"He's always been a very active person," she said.

"I said as long as it didn't affect our family life then I'd support him.

"We're really proud of him. He's always really dedicated.

"The family helped out. Our daughter Hollie is a little older so she was able to look after the younger one."

But Mr Charles believes not everyone understands weightlifting and fitness competitions.

He said: "Don't knock it until you've tried it. It's not for everyone. People tend to put it down because they don't understand.

"I'm not doing it to go to Ibiza, I'm doing it for myself."

Zoo rated 4th in the UK



• Cotswold Wildlife Park was rated fourth best COTSWOLD Wildlife Park is celebrating being named the fourth best zoo in the UK.

To mark the accolade the Oxfordshire Guardian was given a tour of the Burford park.

The results of the TripAdvisor Traveller's Choice Attractions Awards were announced July 15 and also named the park the 12th best in Europe.

The managing director of the park, Reggie Heyworth said: "We are so delighted about our TripAdvisor award.

"It's a huge encouragement to all the staff here when people take the time to give praise."

Winners were chosen using an algorithm that looked at the quantity and quality of reviews gathered over a 12-month period.

The park was first opened at the Heyworth family home in 1970 when Mr Heyworth's father borrowed £40,000 to open the park.

First place went to Chester Zoo in Cheshire.

News Bites

Hospital future

CHIPPING NORTON: Oxfordshire County Council has announced a consultation on plans to close the intermediate care unit at Chipping Norton Community Hospital will go ahead.

A decision to suspend the consultation was made at a meeting last month, attended by Witney MP David Cameron.

The decision to suspend was made so health bosses could find a way to save the unit.

Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet is set to confirm the dates of a consultation on the hospital unit's future on September 15.

VJ day service

OXFORD: Lord Mayor of Oxford Rae Humberstone and Blenheim Palace's Duke of Marlborough are attending a service on Sunday to commemorate VJ Day.

The service will take place at St Mary Magdalene Church in Market Place, Woodstock to mark the day Japan surrendered from the Second World War, bringing it to an end.

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Closed bridge

FARINGDON: Radcot Bridge over the River Thames is shut for up to 19 days after a lorry crashed into it.

The bridge, that links Faringdon with Carterton as part of the A4095, suffered structural damage in the incident at 9.30am on Tuesday.

It is a Grade I listed bridge and the closure has been issued by the Environment Agency and Highways Agency.



Man sought

BICESTER: CCTV images were released by police yesterday after a vacuum cleaner was shoplifted from Sainsbury's in Pioneer Square.

The theft took place at 5pm on June 30 when a man entered the store, selected a vacuum cleaner and left the store without making an attempt to pay.

Police want to speak to the man pictured.



Work set for three Oxfordshire locks

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THE Environment Agency (EA) has announced it will carry out renovations on eight River Thames locks during the winter, including three in Oxfordshire.

The work was announced on Tuesday and is due to begin in November, lasting through to March.

Those in Oxfordshire that will be upgraded are Godstow Lock near Wolvercote, Culham Lock near Abingdon, and Day's Lock near Dorchester-on-Thames.

Work on all eight sites will cost £1million, and aims to keep them in working order for years to come.

The general manager of Oxfordshire Narrowboats, Phil Holman, said: "It's very important they carry out this maintenance work."

"Not all of our customers use the river, most of them use the canal. But for those that do its vital the locks are in good condition."

The EA's water engineer for the Thames, Barrie Douglass,



• Work is due to begin on three Oxfordshire locks, including Culham lock in November

said: "Any work at a lock site, even a relatively minor repair, can be a complex undertaking. Maintaining critical navigation assets in safe working order is our number one priority."

"It has to be because if we allowed them to fall into disrepair and become unfit for use, then boating on the Thames as we've known it for the last hundred years or so would just not be possible."

Work will include re-sheeting the heads, repairing tail lock gates and the refurbishment of lock chambers.

The EA maintains over 1,000 so-called 'navigation assets' on the Thames, with an estimated value of £425m.

The assets include bridges, locks, lock houses, and access roads, many of which being heritage sites.

Mr Holman added: "They do the work out of season so it will

be ready for the summer.

"There are less boats on the river."

Mr Douglass added: "The income we get from boater's registration fees isn't enough to cover the cost of all the work we need to do each year, however."

He continued: "Fortunately, we receive a significant top-up from Government, which we invest very carefully to ensure maximum value-for-money for the taxpayer."

Man guilty of sexual offences

A JURY found a 42-year-old man guilty of raping a woman in Headington by unanimous verdict at Oxford Crown Court on Monday.

Catalin Horhota, of no fixed abode, was convicted of eight sexual offences and one burglary after a five-day trial.

He is due to be sentenced on October 9.

Investigating officer, detective constable David Rogers of the force's criminal investigation department in Oxford, said: "The victims have shown immense courage throughout our investigation and subsequent trial."

Horhota was first arrested on September 20, last year and charged on September 22.

The first offence was on September 17 last year when he burgled a property in Morrell Avenue near Oxford's Headington Hill and stole food.

Two days later he raped a woman in nearby Roosevelt Drive and stole a pair of keys from the property before fleeing the scene.

About an hour later Horhota returned and sexually assaulted her and another woman at the property.

Then on September 20 he sexually assaulted a woman in South Park.

The final offence was on September 22 last year when he exposed himself in Abingdon.

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Former Lord Mayor was a 'shining light'

FORMER Lord Mayor of Oxford and city councillor Carole Roberts has been praised as a 'shining light' after losing her battle with cancer on Sunday at the Churchill Hospital in Headington.

The former Labour councillor, 71, had represented Northfield Brook, Rose Hill, Iffley and Temple Cowley in her political career.

She was given a merit award on August 3 by the Labour Party's national executive committee, which is reserved for members 'who have a distinguished history of service to their local communities.'

Oxford City Council leader Bob Price said: "Carole dedicated herself as a city councillor and subsequently as the manager of the Rose Hill and Donnington Advice centre, helping the disadvantaged.

"She understood the problems of poverty unemployment and the difficulties faced by many families in gaining access to the help and support to which they are entitled.

"Carole was a warm and funny colleague who expressed her opinions with candour and great force. She was a loyal and much valued colleague who will be widely mourned."

Carole served as Lord Mayor in 1998-99 and previously held the post of Deputy Lord Mayor and Sheriff.

Current Lord Mayor of Oxford,

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Rae Humberstone, said she was a 'shining light that had gone out'.

Cllr Humberstone said: "Carole was a hard worker for the local people. I know that she will be sorely missed by all who worked with her and knew her.

"She was well-known around the council and a lot of anecdotes have been told about Carole and the work that she put in. She could be a feisty character."

"It's such a shame the like of her will never be seen again as she was

a one-off in terms of the work she did and the support she provided for her constituents."

Carole joined the Labour Party in 1959 and was recuperating from treatment at the hospital when she passed away.

When she stepped down as a councillor for Iffley in 2002, she had served on the authority for almost 20 years.

She was a great-grandmother with 13 grandchildren, and leaves behind three children: Debbie, Tony and Michael.

Her husband Jimmy Roberts, who she lived with in Blackbird Leys, died aged 80 in 2008.

• Carole Roberts



Oxfam's annual income passes the £400m mark

COWLEY-BASED charity Oxfam has revealed a three per cent rise in income of £401.4million over the last year in their annual report.

The charity revealed the figures in their annual report on Monday, which saw the organisation spend over £298.4m on charitable activities and respond to 39 international 'emergencies', such as the Ebola outbreak in West Africa and the conflicts in Syria and South Sudan.

Donations to the charity from institutions such as the UK government were revealed to be £204.3m, with £100.1m raised from public fundraising.

Oxfam chief executive Mark Goldring said in a statement: "I want to say a special thank you to everyone that supported Oxfam this year.

"Your support has allowed us to do some really important work.

"There have been some pretty horrific disasters that we'd had to respond to.

"Your efforts have made a huge difference and your generosity has allowed Oxfam to respond quickly on a large scale.

"We couldn't have done it without your help."

The report claims that the charity supported 8.1m people by providing clean water, sanitation and food, compared to 6.1 million in 2013-14.

However, there was a fall of 2.5 per cent in income from high street stores, which the report blames on the shortage of high quality donated goods and as the result of a 'difficult trading year'.

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Bridge assault

OXFORD: A 24-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of assault without injury after an incident near Folly Bridge on Tuesday.

There had been reported sighting of armed officers and police vans in the area at the time.

The man, from Milton Keynes, is in custody.

Funding appeal

WITNEY: Meditation charity Oxfordshire Family Meditation (OFM) has launched a fundraising appeal to raise money for its service that aids young children going through their parents' divorce or separation.

The Children's Voice service offers one-to-one therapeutic support for young people aged six to 18.

OFM is hoping to raise £7,000 for the service by September 2, and says the funds will help support 30 Oxfordshire families and offer 140 sessions to children and young people free of charge.

To donate, go to crowdfunder.co.uk and search 'help children survive family breakdown'.

Satisfied students

OXFORD: Ninety per cent of Oxford Brookes students are satisfied with the quality of their course, according to the National Student Survey.

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Home burgled

KENNINGTON: Electrical items including a Blu-ray player, Toshiba laptop and notebook computer were stolen from a house in The Avenue on August 4.

Thieves broke into the house between 7.30pm and 9pm by smashing a rear patio window.

Cash, a necklace and a passport were also taken.

First aid courses

OXON: Residents across Oxfordshire will be taught how to save lives in first aid courses being run by charity St John Ambulance.

They will focus on dealing with emergency situations such as choking and bleeding.

The next three-hour course takes place at Kidlington's St John House in the High Street on September 15 from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Sexual assault

OXFORD: A man has been arrested after a woman was sexually assaulted in Cowley's Horspath Road.

At around 4am on Saturday, the woman in her 20s, was approached by a man who spoke to her before sexually assaulting her.

The woman screamed and hit him and he ran away.

Call 101 with information.

Opposition voiced over centre plans

By Alexander Ballinger

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PLANS for Oxford City Council to take over the East Oxford Community Centre have been hit by strong opposition from groups based there.

The council is set to take over management of the centre, in Princes Street, from September 1 because it is unhappy with those running the site.

Last week the council announced it will conduct a £200,000 'feasibility study' to help find £1.5million for improvements to the centre.

But the news has been met with criticism from some groups.

Junie James, the founder and director of African and African-Caribbean Cultural Heritage Initiative (ACKHI) who are based at the centre, said: "I see no reason for the city council to take over."

"If they think the centre is badly managed then it has been badly managed for 10 years and they never stepped in before."

She added: "I wonder if they have ulterior motives."



• The East Oxford Community Centre

The council has listed a number of options for raising funds from the centre, including the potential sale of Film Oxford's base in St Catherine Street and East Oxford Games Hall in Collins Street.

Christine Simm, the city council's board member for communities and culture, said: "The council and many others have been seriously concerned with the way the centre has been run."

"Despite warnings, nothing has changed."

"We will be making small improvements and adding new and exciting sessions and activities to what is already on offer."

Catherine Gundry, the secretary of the East Oxford Community Association - that runs the centre - said: "There were difficulties in the management of the centre but those have been addressed."

"There was an issue with the bar's constitution that meant that in the wrong hands somebody could steal a lot of money and that is what happened."

"But we've now changed the constitution so that can't happen. We've got good books now."

The association held an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) at the centre on Monday, August 10, to discuss their next steps.

Ms Gundry added: "About 30 people attended the EGM. It was a sad but constructive meeting."

"We're now going to approach individual councillors to gain support and try to stop the council taking over."

Uni scheme to battle 'lad culture'

OXFORD University Student's Union (OUSU) has joined the National Union of Students' (NUS) Lad Culture pilot scheme.

The scheme will see nine student unions across the country collaborate with the NUS to discuss policy to tackle sexism in higher education.

The vice president of the OUSU, Lucy Delaney, said: "We are really excited to be part of the scheme."

"Signing up to it has allowed us to identify specific areas for improvement, enabling us to move forward with clearer, tangible targets for tackling harassment and rape culture amongst our student body."

The NUS has carried out two studies into sexual harassment in recent years - Hidden Marks in 2010 and That's What She Said in 2013.

Both looked at female students' experiences of lad culture, violence and sexual harassment.

Susuana Amoah, the NUS's women's officer, said: "We want to offer support, encouragement and resources to move this work forward on the ground, whilst building our knowledge and understanding of what this issue looks like in different places."

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Into the Wilderness

THOUSANDS headed to Oxfordshire woods to enjoy the full artistic spectrum of the Wilderness Festival from Thursday to Sunday.

The four-day arts festival brought together music, food, theatre and philosophy for 22,000

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visitors at Cornbury Park.

Now in its fifth year, this summer's festival was headlined by Bjork and Ben Howard.

And organisers have said they do not want to sacrifice quality for size.

The event's general manager, Rufus Lawrence, said: "We kept the festival the same size as last year. We wanted to focus on the quality for our customers."

"This is my first year with Wilderness and I think it was a humbling experience when the doors opened and to see all the people flooding in."

"It's a combination of all the arts in a naturally beautiful part of the country."

The festival included a long table banquet with Raymond Blanc and a stage performance of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

A fiction tent also offered workshops on how to write your debut novel and a literary classics quiz.

Musician Jess Goyder, from Charlbury, was one of the acts who performed on Saturday evening on The Bandstand Stage.

She said: "It was gorgeous. It was a really lovely location."

"It's completely different to most festivals. It's very cerebral. Performing was definitely the highlight for me."

Ms Goyder, who now lives in London, said: "I've played here every year and I think I will come back again next year."

"I love the opportunity to play in Oxfordshire."

Aurora, a 19-year-old singer-songwriter from Norway, also played The Bandstand Stage on Friday night.

She said: "It was wonderful. There were so many people, it was really lovely to play there."

"People were just sitting down

on the grass and were really relaxed."

"During my set a few girls started dancing and from then everyone got up and started dancing. I even got to play an encore. I did Hakuna Matata."

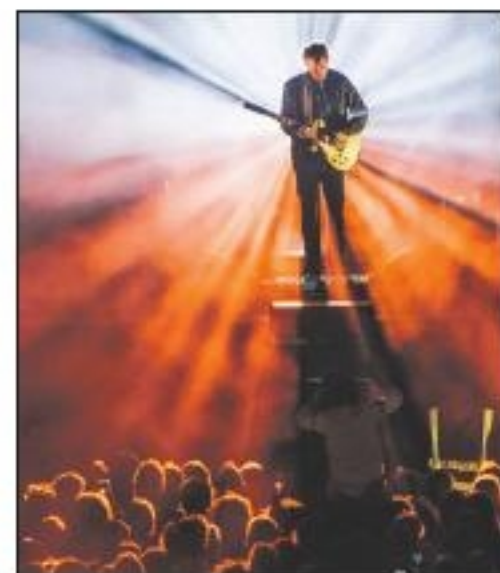
Mr Lawrence added: "Next

year we'll be looking to tie in a lot of literary themes. There are a lot of literary birthdays and centenaries so we'll be looking for those to run though the whole festival."

"And we've already started looking for our headliners."



• Bjork graced the main stage with an electrifying performance



• Saturday night's festival headline act, indie folk star Ben Howard



• Youngsters were enthralled by a performance of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland



• The festival brought together music, food and art

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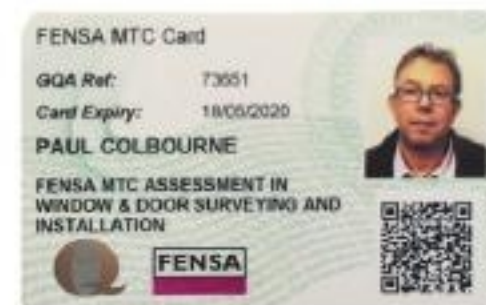


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Timber yard to close?

A TIMBER yard in Cowley road could be shut down to make way for a 60-bed care home.

The W G Powell timber yard could close after 90 years of business, to be replaced by a new care home.

An outline planning application for the development was unanimously approved by members of Oxford City Council's East Area planning committee during a meeting last Wednesday.

Councillor for Cowley Marsh ward, Sajjad Malik said: "The owners of the timber yard have said they want to retire and to move on and sell the site."

"It is my understanding that it is currently up for sale."

The planning application included proposals for a 60-bed care home over three floors and 20 parking spaces, as well as plans to turn two bedsits into a one-bed house.

Cllr Malik added: "It's a very



• The timber yard

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positive thing as it will remain an employment site.

"There were some concerns from residents about the application changing but they have been addressed in the conditions."

"I spoke in favour of the care home at the meeting."

The application was made by Montpelier Estates Ltd, based in Aylesbury, who design and develop healthcare facilities.

Montpelier's director, John Horsman said negotiations are currently underway with potential operators for the care home, and that work could start by autumn.

Mr Horsman added: "We're looking at a 15 month construction programme so people could be living there by the end of 2016."

Councillor Roy Darke, chairman of the council's East Area planning committee, said: "Apparently 23 people would be employed and that is more than are working at the site now."

Montpelier also have to submit a detailed planning application to set out the designs for the care home.

W G Powell was unavailable for comment.



• A design from the planning application of how the new Cowley care home could look

Family pay tribute to 'caring' and 'passionate' man who died on M40

THE family of a man who died on the M40 in Oxfordshire paid tribute to a 'loving and beau-



• Alexander Green, 29

tiful' husband, son, brother, uncle and godfather.

Alexander Green, 29, from Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire and his friend Mark Smith, 33, from Tonbridge in Kent died when their car left the road and hit a sign while driving south on the M40 on July 27.

Mr Green's wife Jessica said: "We spent ten wonderful years together. He was my best friend as well as my husband and we knew each other inside out."

"I will always treasure the memories we shared but it feels like I have lost a part of me."

The couple married in 2012 after meeting in 2004.

Mr Green's family said he was a charitable man who worked with children suffering from autism

outside of his job as a teaching assistant at a primary school in Stratford.

He had also spent two weeks in Uganda last year with his wife refurbishing a school and teaching children.

His family said: "He was full of energy, with a constantly positive outlook and a real zest for life that shined through in all he did."

"We take comfort from knowing just how many people he touched."

"He was just so loved by all."

Mr Green was due to start a new job this month as a key worker in a special needs school in Westerham, Kent.

He was driving home after his favourite annual festival Barefoot in Leicestershire, which ended the day before the crash.

News Bites

Watch burgled

OXFORD: A ladies Rotary watch and black signet ring was burgled from a home in Beckley village, near Oxford.

Offenders forced entry through a front door in Woodperry Road on July 28 between 10am and 2pm.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

Bin lorry crash

WITNEY: A bin lorry overturned on the A40 between Witney and Eynsham, blocking the road in both directions.

The incident happened at around 11am at Barnards Gate.

Traffic built up and bus services were delayed but roads were cleared by 1pm.

Cheapest PCC

OXON: Thames Valley's office of the police and crime commissioner (PCC) is the cheapest run in the country, latest figures have revealed.

Data for 2013-14 published by campaign group TaxPayers' Alliance on Friday show the office spent £624 per 1,000 members of the electorate, compared to costs ranging up to £2,979 for Hampshire.

Anthony Stansfeld, PCC for Thames Valley, said: "I have a small, well run and efficient office that does the job intended at a lower cost than any other office of the PCC."

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Oxfordshire teen smokers above national average



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Burglary CCTV

OXFORD: CCTV images of two men have been released (below), after burglaries at Oxford and Cherwell Valley College in Oxpens Road.



The offences took place on April 16 when two men broke into two classrooms in the campus at 8.42am.

Four laptops were stolen as well as the contents of a handbag, including a white MP3 player.

Thames Valley Police released the images last Thursday and is appealing for anyone with information to call 101.

Oxford Bus Co service awards

OXFORD: Oxford Bus Company celebrated 455 years of combined service of 15 members of staff.

The Long Service Awards were celebrated at the Four Pillars Hotel in Sandford-on-Thames last month, with details released last Thursday.

The longest serving staff member was Mohammad Faradoon with 45 years service.

Phil Southall, Managing Director of Oxford Bus Company said: "They've shown great loyalty to the firm but we also gain a great deal as an organisation from their years of experience."



• Mohammad Faradoon

By Alexander Ballinger

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THE number of 15-year-old smokers in Oxfordshire is higher than the national average, according to figures published last week.

The statistics published last Wednesday were gathered from a survey carried out by the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) - an arm of the government's Department of Health.

The director of policy at the Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) campaign group, Hazel Cheeseman, said: "Oxfordshire is slightly above the national average."

"There's been a steady decrease in young people smoking nationally. "This is the first time a survey like this has been done."

The national study of 120,115 15-year-olds revealed in Oxford-

shire 10.4 per cent were smokers, compared with just eight per cent nationally.

The study refers to current smokers who it defines as anyone who occasionally smokes to anyone who smokes up to six cigarettes a week.

Just over 26 per cent of 15 year olds in Oxfordshire said they had smoked at least once - two per cent above the national average.

Ms Cheeseman added: "It's a timely opportunity for the council to review their strategy and particularly to consider smoking rates among parents."

"We know that parental smoking has a big impact on whether a young person will become a smoker."

But she added despite this, Oxfordshire is actually below the national average for adult smoking rates.

The survey was carried out from September 2014 to January this year and aimed to gather information separated by local authority.

Calls for commercial sat navs in lorries

OXFORDSHIRE County Council is urging the government to introduce a new law forcing heavy good vehicles to use special commercial sat navs which keep them off unsuitable county roads.

The council sent a letter to government calling for the new rules to stop lorries damaging roads they do not fit down and keep country lanes safer.

Councillor Kevin Bulmer said: "It's an issue that's widespread throughout Oxfordshire."

"It's basically heavy good vehicles turning up in places they shouldn't be."

"HGVs are being driven down roads that just aren't wide enough and if they're driving down roads that are a bit worse for wear it only makes things worse."

Cllr Bulmer raised the issue at a county council meeting last month.

At the meeting the council unanimously agreed to write to government asking them to legislate to make it compulsory for HGVs to have commercial sat nav systems.

John Howell, regional director for the Road Haulage Association, said: "I just don't think it's a workable solution."

"How do you define a commercial

satnav?

"Who would pay for the new satnavs? "And how would you enforce the rules?"

Cllr Bulmer has also asked leader of Oxfordshire County Council, Ian Hudspeth, to write to the leaders of the other councils in Oxfordshire asking for their support.

He added: "With a commercial satnav you can set the height, weight and dimensions of your lorry and it won't take you down roads you won't fit down."

"If you're ever driving down a small country road and see one of these monsters driving towards you it can raise your blood pressure."



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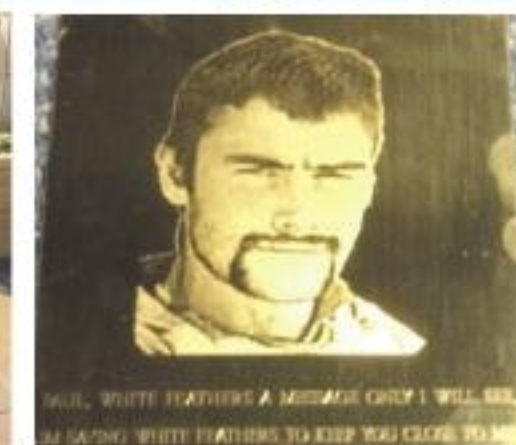
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Quick Clues Across

- 1 North American fish dish (7)
- 5 Cured meat (5)
- 8 Rouse (4)
- 9 Grace (8)
- 10 In a style of building (13)
- 13 Stimulus (4)
- 14 Elliptical (4)
- 17 Place of business (13)
- 19 Confidence (8)
- 20 Grass with hollow stem (4)
- 21 Having got up (5)
- 22 Worthless (7)

Quick Clues Down

- 2 Those with strong dislikes (6)
- 3 Reverence (7)
- 4 Concerned with voting (9)
- 5 Narrow-minded person (5)
- 6 Exercise authority over (7)
- 7 Irritates (7)
- 11 Places of religious seclusion (9)
- 12 More obvious (7)
- 13 Pays up (7)
- 15 Naval officer (7)
- 16 Enrages (6)
- 18 Seat of the intellect (5)

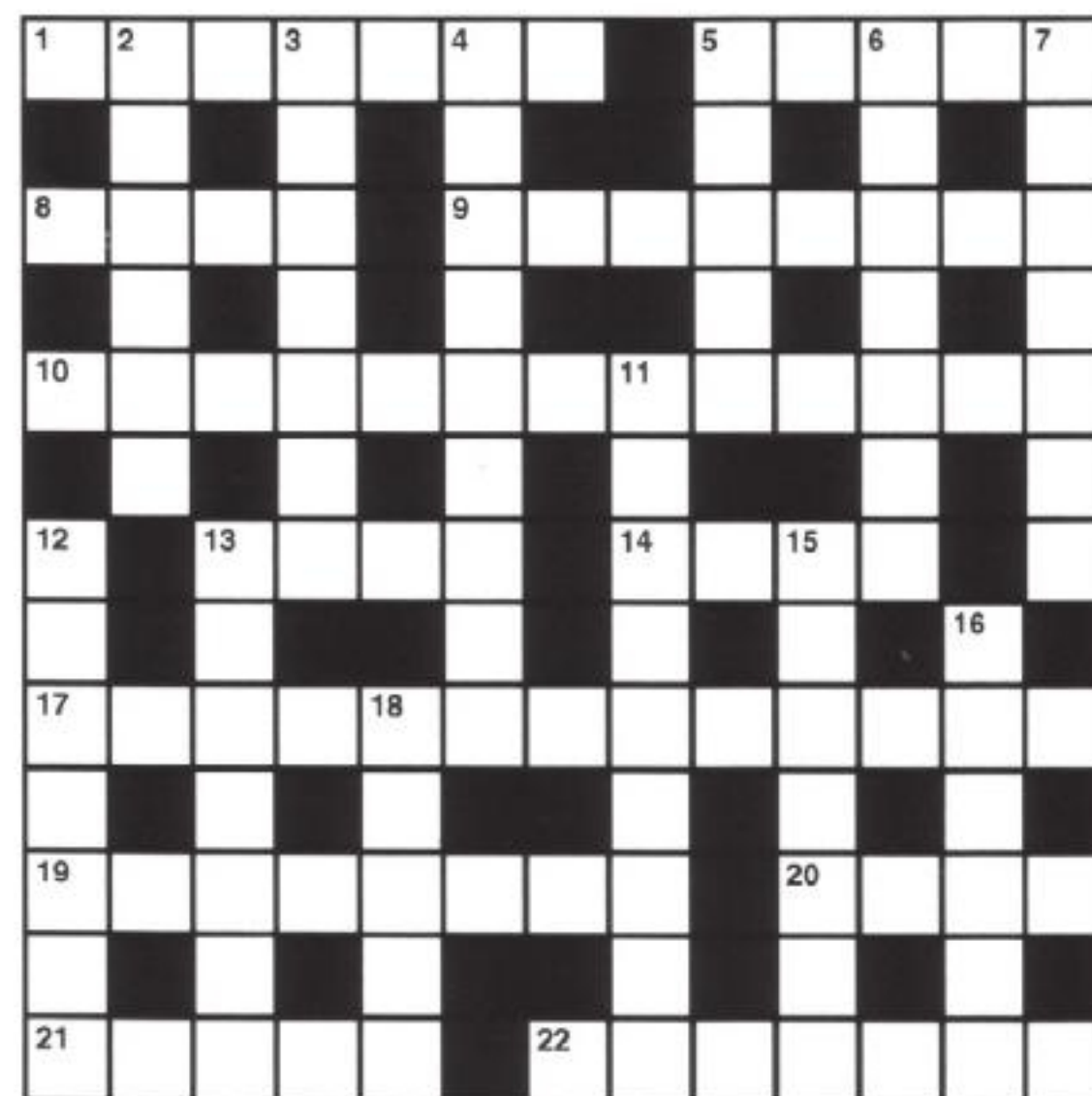
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Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 A sailor, mark, will do without (7)
- 5 The peak reached by a hundred with the remainder following (5)
- 8 Strikes back to kill (4)
- 9 Ban the former list (8)
- 10 Being urged to use too little steam? (5,8)
- 13 A sure way to set a trap (4)
- 14 The advantage of being on the outside (4)
- 17 Examination of how to bury the prayer (13)
- 19 Out or inside contempt (8)
- 20 Time to go back and give out (4)
- 21 Sees a new way and relaxes (5)
- 22 Communication about the turmoil of the era? (7)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 2 Mr Crosby takes it up in mordant fashion (6)
- 3 Picture forbidden round the meadow (7)
- 4 Are opting out to get the highest speed (2,3,4)
- 5 Suits the societies (5)
- 6 Period certain to be scrubbed out? (7)
- 7 Put us after these to kill the Minotaur (7)
- 11 The outcome when the crisis had a different end? (9)
- 12 Can the end slip out of the yarn-holder? (7)
- 13 Gets weary again when he leaves work (7)
- 15 Deduces that the gun belongs to a lady (7)
- 16 Expecting to nip up and have an unfair share outside (6)
- 18 Unruly tress is at ease (5)



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8				6		9	2	
1	5					7	4	
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		1	6				9	
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	7				4	8		
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	6	9		2				3

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This week's solutions

8	3	2	6	4	1	9	5	7
6	4	9	5	7	3	8	1	2
1	7	5	8	2	9	3	6	4
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2	4	1	6	8	3	5	9	7
9	2	4	7	1	8	3	5	6
1	5	6	2	3	9	7	4	8
8	3	7	4	6	5	9	2	1

Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Crowder 5 Bacon 8 Stir 9 Elegance 10 Architectural 13 Spur 14 Oval 17 Establishment 19 Reliance 20 Reed 21 Risen 22 Useless
Down: 2 Haters 3 Worship 4 Electoral 5 Bight 6 Control 7 Needles 11 Cloisters 12 Clearer 13 Settles 15 Admiral 16 Angers 18 Brain
Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Abstar 5 Crest 8 Stab 9 Tabulate 10 Under pressure 13 Ruse 14 Edge 17 Interrogation 19 Devision 20 Emit 21 Cases 22 Message
Down: 2 Biting 3 Tableau 4 In top gear 5 Clubs 6 Erasure 7 Thesaurus 11 Emergence 12 Spindle 13 Retires 15 Gathers 16 Hoping 18 Rests



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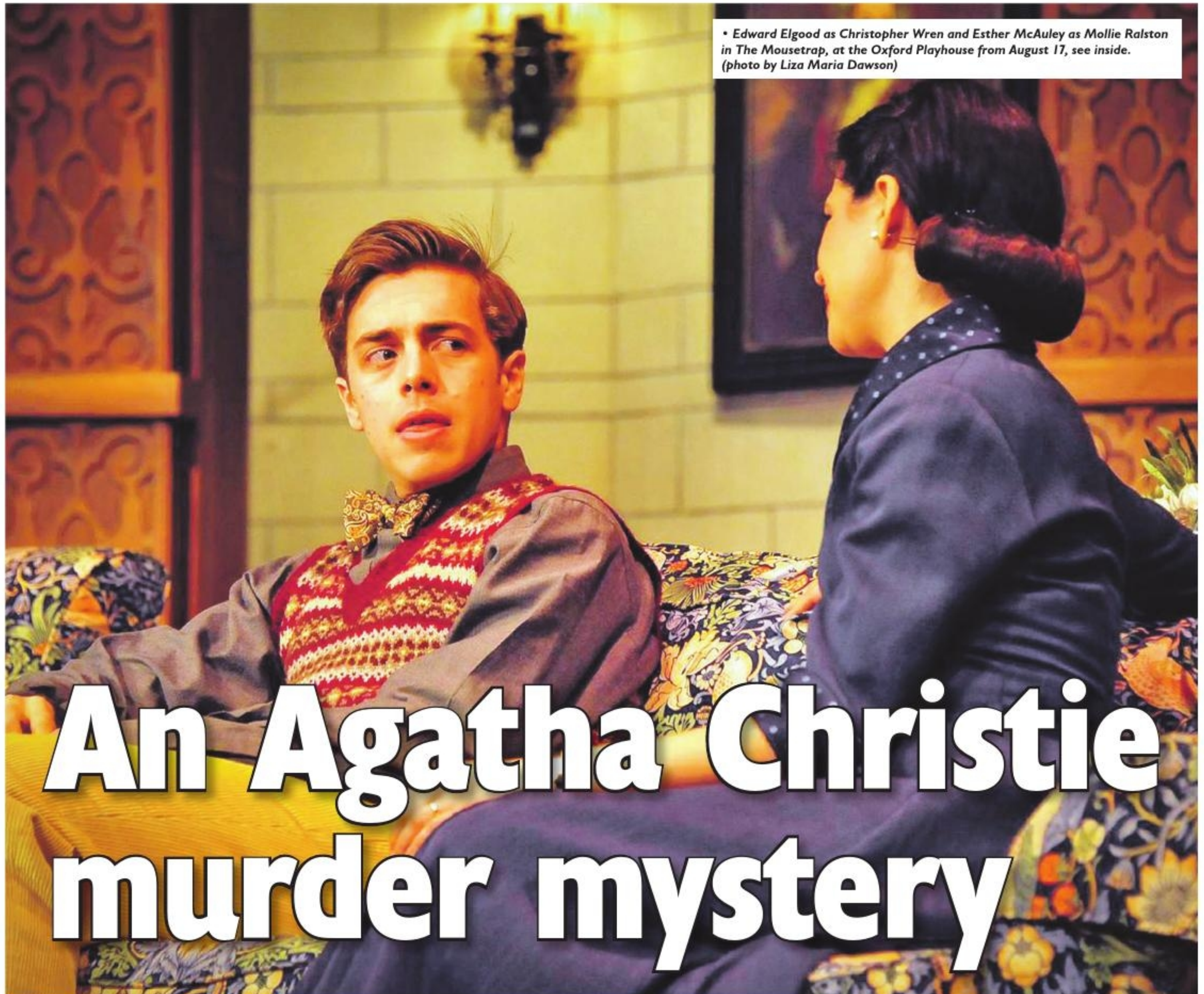
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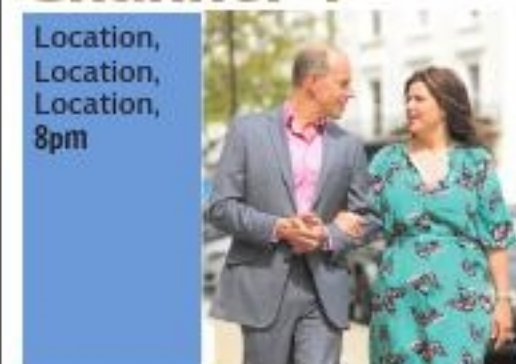
Great British Menu, 7.30pm
6.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **7.00 Close Calls: On Camera** (S)(R) **7.30 Heir Hunters** (S)(R) **8.15 Sign Zone: Coast** (S)(R) **9.15 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC News** (S) **11.30 BBC World News** (S) **12.00 FILM Cat on a Hot Tin Roof** (1958) (12) (S) **1.45 Yes, Prime Minister** (S)(R) **2.15 'Allo 'Allo!** (S)(R) **3.15 Are You Being Served?** (S)(R) **3.45 Pets - Wild at Heart** Part one of two. Revealing domesticated pets in a new light. (S)(R) **4.45 Great British Railway Journeys** (S)(R) **5.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Two Tribes** (S) **6.30 Eggheads** Hosted by Jeremy Vine. (S)(R)

ITV



Flockstars, 8.30pm
6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **10.55 ITV News**; Weather (S) **11.00 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Guess This House** (S) **1.30 ITV News** (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News**; Weather (S) **2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** A collection of pigs goes under the hammer. (S)(R) **3.00 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Hello Campers** A watery treat proves a washout on the fourth day in the Algarve. (S) **5.00 Freeze Out** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News**; Weather (S) **6.30 ITV News** (S)

Channel 4



Location, Location, Location, 8pm
6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 Will & Grace** (S)(R) **7.35 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **11.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Come Dine with Me** (S) **1.10 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent** (S)(R) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 Fifteen to One** General knowledge quiz. (S) **4.00 French Collection** Three collectors try to make a profit from items bought in Nice. (S) **5.00 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

Channel 5



Police Interceptors, 7pm
6.00 Milkshake! **9.15 The Wright Stuff** **11.10 Cowboy Builders** (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Trauma Doctors** (S)(R) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS** Part two of two. Agent Callen goes undercover. (S)(R) **3.15 FILM Broken Trust** (2012) (15) Thriller, starring Laura Vandervoort. (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** Aaron is furious with Mark for inviting their father to town. (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** Hannah confesses to Denny she is torn between Andy and Sean. (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 The One Show Matt Baker and Alex Jones present the live magazine, featuring celebrity chat and stories of interest. (S) **7.30 EastEnders** Ronnie confronts Roxy over her lies about Dean; (S) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8.00 The Housing Enforcers Matt Allwright works alongside housing officers as they deal with an aggressive tenant and find a group of Polish workers living in an overcrowded house. (S)

9.00 Who Do You Think You Are? Paul Hollywood researches his family history, finding out about his grandfather's experiences in the Second World War and delving deeper into his Scottish ancestry. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S) **10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **10.35 Parking Mad** Documentary following people on both sides of the car-parking battle. (S)(R)

11.35 Britain Beneath Your Feet Two-part documentary in which Dallas Campbell takes a unique look at Britain, exploring the wonders beneath people's feet. (S)(R)

12.35 Holiday Weatherview (S) **12.40 BBC News** (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Jai uncovers Megan's plan, but he faces a tough decision as the police close in. (S) **7.30 Real Stories with Ranvir Singh** Meeting ordinary people with extraordinary stories to tell. (S)

8.00 Emmerdale Jai tries to convince Megan to stay. (S) **8.30 Flockstars** Gabby Logan hosts this search to find Britain's best celebrity sheep-herder, continuing with Wendi Peters and Lee Pearson. (S)

9.00 The Wonder of Britain Julia Bradbury shares royal stories, visiting King Arthur's supposed home at Tintagel, exploring the Tower of London and hearing how Elizabeth I was romanced at Kenilworth Castle. (S)

10.00 ITV News and Weather (S) **10.30 ITV Regional News**; Weather (S) **10.40 Carl Froch: Sports Life Stories** A profile of the former boxer, a four-time world super-middleweight champion. Postponed from August 4. (S)

11.40 Murder, She Wrote Jessica visits a Mediterranean island, where she investigates the murder of a famous artist. Guest starring Ron Moody and Stewart Granger. (S)(R)

12.35 Jackpot247 **3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show** USA (S) **3.40 ITV Nightscreen** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

8.00 Location, Location, Location Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help two sets of first-time buyers search for properties in Bristol and the nearby countryside of the Cotswolds. (S)

9.00 Very British Problems New series. Light-hearted show in which comedians and other famous faces talk about their daily struggle against the capacity for awkwardness that comes with being British. (S)

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts as regular team captain Sean Lock is joined by Liza Tarbuck to battle guest captain Sarah Millican and team-mate Romesh Ranganathan. (S)(R)

11.00 24 Hours in Police Custody Detectives interview two men in connection with a series of robberies. (S)(R) **11.55 One Born Every Minute** Fly-on-the-wall documentary (S)(R)

12.55 Flying to the Ends of the Earth (S)(R) **1.55 The Auction House** (S)(R) **2.50 Dogs: Their Secret Lives** (S)(R) **3.45 Double Your House for Half the Money** (S)(R) **4.40 Fifteen to One** (S)(R) **5.30 Draw It!** (S)(R)

7.00 Police Interceptors Officers deal with a rowdy reveller when things get out of hand on New Year's Eve in Lincoln, while Jon Moon arrests a shoplifter more than happy to admit to his crime; (S)(R) **5 News Update** (S)

8.00 Sinkholes: Buried Alive The underlying forces behind sinkholes, which can occur gradually or suddenly, when the ground gives away; (S) **5 News Update** (S)

9.00 30 Stone and Counting: What's Your Problem? Supersized Overweight people who are happy in their skin, including 30-stone Terry, who dreams of Hollywood stardom, and sumo wrestler Sharran. (S)

10.00 Person of Interest News of Northern Lights hits the media. (S) **10.55 Person of Interest** Decima hunts down Reese and Shaw using Samaritan's feeds. Crime drama, starring Jim Caviezel. (S)

11.55 Access Showbiz news and gossip.

12.00 SuperCasino **3.10 Police Interceptors** Unleashed with Vinnie Jones (S)(R) **4.00 Wildlife SOS** (S)(R) **4.25 Great Artists** (S)(R) **4.45 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.10 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.35 House Doctor** (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 You've Been Framed! **6.20 Psych** **7.05 Emmerdale** **7.35 Coronation Street** **8.10 You've Been Framed!** **8.35 Dinner Date** **9.35 Psych** **10.25 The Real Housewives of Atlanta** **12.10 Emmerdale** **12.40 Coronation Street** **1.15 You've Been Framed!** **1.40 Dinner Date** **2.40 Judge Rinder** **3.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show** **7.00 You've Been Framed: Kids Special** **8.00 Two and a Half Men** **9.00 Hell's Kitchen** **10.00 Safeword** **10.45 FILM: Final Destination** (2000) (15) **12.50 Two and a Half Men** **1.15 Safeword** **1.55 Life's Funniest Moments** **2.20 Teleshopping** **5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen**
ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 In Loving Memory **6.25 Heartbeat** **7.30 The Royal** **8.35 Where the Heart Is** **9.40 Judge Judy** **11.00 Agatha Christie's Marple** **1.00 Heartbeat** **2.00 The Royal** **3.05 Where the Heart Is** **4.15 In Loving Memory** **4.50 Never the Twain** **5.20 On the Buses** **5.55 Heartbeat** **6.55 Murder, She Wrote** **8.00 Endeavour** **10.00 Blue Murder** **11.00 The Vice** **12.05 Agatha**

Christie's Marple **1.50 Judge Judy** **2.10 ITV3 Nightscreen** **2.30 Teleshopping**
BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Top Gear **8.00 Don't Tell the Bride** **9.00 The Unbreakables: Life and Love on Disability Campus** **10.00 EastEnders** **10.30 Russell Howard's Good News** **11.00 Family Guy** **11.45 American Dad!** **12.10 Family Guy** **12.30 The Unbreakables: Life and Love on Disability Campus** **1.30 People Just Do Nothing** **2.00 Don't Tell the Bride** **3.00 The Unbreakables: Life and Love on Disability Campus** **4.00 Close**
BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30 Concerto** at the BBC Proms: Nicola Benedetti Plays Korngold **8.35 Chopin Preludes and Etudes** **8.55 London to Brighton in Four Minutes: Side By Side** **9.00 Britain's Deadliest Rail Disaster: Quintinshill** **10.00 Britain's Nuclear Secrets: Inside Sellafield** **11.00 Lost Land of the Volcano** **12.00 A Very British Renaissance** **1.00 Picasso: Love, Sex and Art** **2.00 Sex, Lies and Love**

Bites: The Agony Aunt Story **3.00 Britain's Deadliest Rail Disaster: Quintinshill** **4.00 Close**
E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Hollyoaks **6.25 90210** **7.10 Charmed** **8.00 The Goldbergs** **9.00 Melissa & Joey** **10.00 Charmed** **12.00 Hollyoaks** **12.30 Melissa & Joey** **1.00 How I Met Your Mother** **2.00 The Big Bang Theory** **3.00 Melissa & Joey** **4.00 The Goldbergs** **5.00 How I Met Your Mother** **6.00 The Big Bang Theory** **7.00 Hollyoaks** **7.30 Melissa & Joey** **8.00 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 New Girl** **9.30 The Mindy Project** **10.00 Rude Tube** **11.05 The Big Bang Theory** **12.05 Gogglebox** **2.10 Jane the Virgin** **2.55 2 Broke Girls** **3.20 Gogglebox** **4.15 90210** **4.55 Charmed**
MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 The Restoration Man **10.00 Small Animal Hospital** **10.35 FILM: Great Expectations** (1946) (PG) **12.55 Time Team** **2.00 Come Dine with Me** **4.40 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** **5.45 A Place in the Sun: Home or USA?** **6.50 The Restoration Man** **7.55 Grand Designs** **9.00 The Secret Life of Four-Year-Olds**

10.00 24 Hours in A&E **11.05 Embarrassing Bodies: Under the Skin** **12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** **1.10 The Secret Life of Four-Year-Olds** **2.15 24 Hours in A&E** **3.20 Kirstie's Vintage Gems** **3.35 Close**
FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind (1984) (PG) **1.25 The Mark of Zorro** (1940) (U) **3.15 California Man** (1992) (PG) **5.00 Millions** (2004) (12) **6.55 Playing for Keeps** (2012) (12) **9.00 Prometheus** (2012) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Noomi Rapace and Michael Fassbender. **11.25 Seven Samurai** (1954) (PG) Historical adventure, with Takashi Shimura and Toshiro Mifune. **3.35 Close**
DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.00 Rocket City Rednecks **7.20 American Pickers** **9.00 Top Gear** **2.00 Lizard Lick Towing** **7.00 Storage Hunters** **8.00 Qi XL** **10.00 Mock the Week** **11.20 Qi** **12.00 Taskmaster** **1.00 Qi XL** **2.00 Storage Hunters** **3.00 Rocket City Rednecks** **3.20 Live at the Electric** **4.00 Close**

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Real A&E **7.00 Sun, Sea and A&E** **8.00 Glee** **9.00 The Flash** **10.00 Hawaii Five-0** **12.00 NCIS: Los Angeles** **1.00 Hawaii Five-0** **3.00 The Flash** **4.00 The Simpsons** **6.00 Futurama** **6.30 The Simpsons** **8.00 OAP Internet Virgins** **8.30 Modern Family** **9.00 Glee** **11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles** **2.00 Night Cops** **4.00 Stargate Atlantis** **5.00 That Hidden Camera Family Show**
SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00 Seinfeld** **8.00 The British** **9.00 House** **11.00 Without a Trace** **12.00 Blue Bloods** **1.00 Stargate Atlantis** **2.00 Star Trek: Enterprise** **3.00 Seinfeld** **4.00 Networks of Power** with Sir Christopher Meyer **5.00 House** **7.00 Without a Trace** **8.00 Blue Bloods** **9.00 FILM: Bessie** (2015) (12) **11.15 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver** **11.50 Ray Donovan** **1.00 True Blood** **3.20 House of Lies** **3.50 Blue Bloods: Meet the Characters** **4.00 Star Trek: Enterprise** **5.00 Stargate Atlantis**

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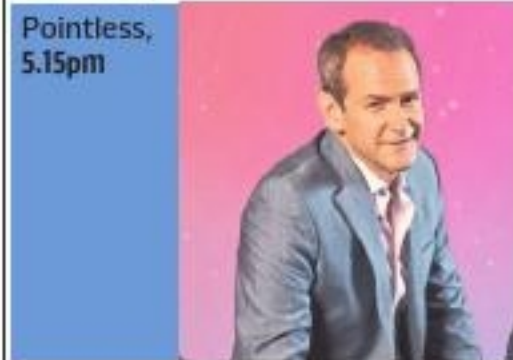
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BBC1

Pointless,
5.15pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Wanted Down Under Revisited** (S)(R) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Close Calls: On Camera** (S)(R) **11.30 Heir Hunters** (S)(R) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News; Weather**; (S) **1.00 BBC Regional News and Weather**; (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 The Link** Quiz show, hosted by Mark Williams. (S)(R) **3.00 Escape to the Country** A couple seeking a home in Cornwall. (S) **3.45 The TV That Made Me** (S) **4.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is** (S)(R) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes; Weather** (S)

7.00 The One Show Hosted by Matt Baker and Alex Jones. (S) **7.30 A Question of Sport: Ashes Special** An Ashes-themed edition of the light-hearted quiz; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8.00 EastEnders With her world falling apart, Jane finally realises what she needs to do to keep her family together. (S) **8.30 Would I Lie to You?** With Greg Davies, Alex Jones, John Cooper Clarke and Rick Edwards. (S)

9.00 Ripper Street The inexplicable death of a clairvoyant takes the team into a world of devious charlatans capitalising on the grief of a sorrowful community. Comedian Jason Manford makes a guest appearance. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S) **10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather**; (S) National Lottery Update (S) **10.35 Mountain Goats** New series. Comedy starring Jimmy Chisholm. (S)

11.05 Pound Shop Wars (S)(R) **11.35 FILM Grosse Pointe Blank** (1997) (15) Black comedy drama, starring John Cusack and Minnie Driver, Dan Aykroyd and Joan Cusack. (S)

1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.25 BBC News** (S)

BBC2

Gardeners' World,
8.30pm

6.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **7.00 Close Calls: On Camera** (S)(R) **7.30 Heir Hunters** (S)(R) **8.15 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.45 Sign Zone: Nigel Slater: Eating Together** (S)(R) **9.15 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC News** (S) **11.30 BBC World News** (S) **12.00 FILM Alvarez Kelly** (1966) (PG) (S) **1.45 Yes, Prime Minister** (S)(R) **2.15 'Allo 'Allo!** (S)(R) **3.15 Are You Being Served?** (S)(R) **3.45 Pets - Wild at Heart** (S)(R) **4.45 Great British Railway Journeys** (S)(R) **5.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **6.00 Two Tribes** (S) **6.30 Eggheads** (S)(R)

7.00 The Hairy Bikers' Bakeathon Si King and Dave Myers bake their way across Germany. (S) **7.30 Great British Menu** The two remaining South West chefs cook their entire menus again. (S)

8.00 Mastermind Specialist subjects include Harry Potter and modern jazz. (S) **8.30 Gardeners' World** Monty Don seeks help for his troublesome box hedges, which are still riddled with blight. (S)

9.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice Jo Brand and her guests review biscuit week. (S) **9.30 Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul** The chef crosses the Adriatic Sea to Croatia where he discovers new dishes. (S)

10.30 Newsnight (S)

11.00 Weather (S) **11.05 Edinburgh Nights** Highlights from the city's annual arts and cultural festivals. (S) **11.35 FILM Precious** (2009) (15) Starring Gabourey Sidibe. (S)

1.15 Sign Zone: Signed, Sealed, Delivered: Inside the Post Office (S)(R) **2.15 Imagine** (S)(R) **3.25 This Is BBC Two** (S) **5.50 FILM Dangerous Moonlight** (1941) (PG) (S)

ITV

BBQ Champ,
9pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **10.55 ITV News; Weather** (S) **11.00 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Guess This House** (S) **1.30 ITV News** (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** From Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. (S)(R) **3.00 Tipping Point** Hosted by Ben Shephard. (S)(R) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Hello Campers** The remaining campers enjoy a day at the crazy golf course. (S) **5.00 Freeze Out** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.30 ITV News** (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Jai breaks up with Leyla in the hope of winning Megan's support. (S) **7.30 Coronation Street** When Leanne catches Simon trying to sneak off to football practice, he grabs her by the hair. (S)

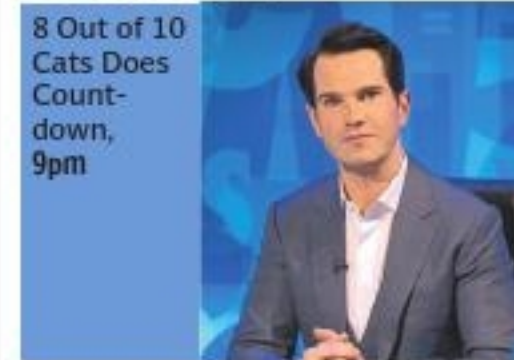
8.00 Gino's Italian Escape: A Taste of the Sun Gino D'Acampo tours Bologna. Last in the series. (S)(R) **8.30 Coronation Street** Simon begs Leanne not to tell Ken about his behaviour. (S)

9.00 BBQ Champ The remaining six contestants face a Decadent Desserts challenge at the show's headquarters, followed by an epic Low and Slow challenge in the City of London. (S)

10.00 ITV News and Weather (S) **10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **10.40 FILM Along Came Polly** (2004) (12) An obsessive man's orderly routine is thrown into disarray when a wildly spontaneous old friend walks back into his life. (S)

12.20 Jackpot247 **3.00 Britain's Best Bakery** (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

8 Out of 10
Cats Does
Count-down,
9pm

6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 Will & Grace** (S)(R) **7.35 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **11.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Come Dine with Me Abroad** (S) **1.10 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent** (S)(R) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 Fifteen to One** General knowledge quiz. (S) **4.00 French Collection** (S) **5.00 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **6.00 The Simpsons** Marge gets breast implants. With the guest voice of Adam West. (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

8.00 Celebrity Fifteen to One Adam Hills hosts as 15 celebrities including Ken Livingstone, Meera Syal, Vic Reeves, Milton Jones and Rebecca Front battle it out to win cash for charity. (S)

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the panel show, with Sean Lock and Bill Bailey taking on special guest captain Joe Wilkinson and Isy Suttie. Joe Lycett helps out in Dictionary Corner. (S)

10.00 The Last Leg Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by Romesh Ranganathan for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. (S)

11.05 Very British Problems Light-hearted show in which famous faces talk about their daily struggle against the capacity for awkwardness that comes with being British. (S)(R)

12.10 Rude Tube (S)(R) **1.10 FILM To the Wonder** (2012) (12) (S) **3.10 Supernatural** (S) **4.00 You Deserve This House** (S)(R) **4.55 Fifteen to One** (S)(R) **5.45 How I Met Your Mother** (S)(R)

Channel 5

Whitney and Bobby:
Addicted to Love,
9pm

6.00 Milkshake! **9.15 The Wright Stuff** Panel discussion. **11.10 Cowboy Builders** (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Stop! Roadworks Ahead** (S)(R) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS** An Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent is murdered. (S)(R) **3.10 FILM A Woman's Rage** (2008) (15) Crime drama, starring Cynthia Preston. (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** Amy resigns her post. (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** Oscar apologises to Maddy for his drunken behaviour. (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 Police Interceptors Brian Conville gives a man a dressing-down for dangerous driving on the school run, and Barry Peach apprehends a fugitive who has been using a false identity. (S)(R) **5 News Update** (S)

8.00 Air crash: Terror at Take-Off The enormous challenge faced by investigators after the crash of BEA Flight 548 moments after taking off from Heathrow Airport in June 1972; (S) **5 News Update** (S)

9.00 Whitney and Bobby: Addicted to Love Documentary-drama exploring the story of Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown's relationship from 1990 through to her death in 2012. (S)

11.00 Whitney Houston: Her Greatest Hits A celebration of the performer's most popular songs and music videos, from her first number one, Saving All My Love for You, to her version of I Will Always Love You. (S)

12.00 SuperCasino **3.10 Air crash: Terror at Take-Off** (S)(R) **4.00 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **4.45 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.10 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.35 House Doctor** (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 You've Been Framed! **6.20 Psych** **7.05 Emmerdale** **8.10 You've Been Framed!** **8.35 Dinner Date** **9.35 Psych** **10.25 The Real Housewives of Atlanta** **12.10 Emmerdale** **1.15 You've Been Framed!** **1.40 Dinner Date** **2.40 Judge Rinder** **3.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show** **7.00 You've Been Framed!** **8.00 Two and a Half Men** **9.00 FILM: The Matrix** (1999) (15) Sci-fi action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne and Carrie-Anne Moss. **11.45 Two and a Half Men** **12.45 Crazy Beaches** **1.10 Viral Tap** **1.45 Hell's Kitchen** **2.30 Teleshopping**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now **6.10 In Loving Memory** **6.35 Heartbeat** **7.35 The Royal** **8.40 Where the Heart Is** **9.45 Judge Judy** **11.05 Agatha Christie's Marple** **1.00 Heartbeat** **2.00 The Royal** **3.05 Where the Heart Is** **4.15 In Loving Memory** **4.50 Never the Twain** **5.20 On the Buses** **5.55 Heartbeat** **6.55 Murder, She Wrote** **8.00 A Touch of Frost** **10.00 afterlife** **11.00 The Vice**

12.05 Agatha Christie's Marple **1.45 Judge Judy** **2.30 Wycliffe** **3.25 ITV3 Nightscreen** **3.40 Emmerdale**

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7

7.00 Top Gear **8.00 Don't Tell the Bride** **9.00 Russell Howard's Good News** **10.00 EastEnders** **10.30 Live at the Apollo** **11.00 Family Guy** **11.45 American Dad!** **12.10 Family Guy** **12.30 People Just Do Nothing** **1.00 Russell Howard's Good News** **2.00 Pramface** **3.30 Live at the Apollo** **4.00 Close**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 World News Today: Weather **7.30 Friday Night** at the Proms: Eric Whitacre's Choral Prom **9.20 Astaire and Rogers Sing George and Ira Gershwin** **9.30 Sinatra: All or Nothing at All** **10.30 FILM: Guys and Dolls** (1955) (PG) Musical, starring Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando. **12.55 Sinatra: All or Nothing at All** **1.50 Sing's Bacharach and David!** **2.50 Singer-Songwriters at the BBC** **3.50 Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Hollyoaks **6.25 90210** **7.10 Charmed** **8.00 The**

Goldbergs **9.00 Melissa & Joey** **10.00 Charmed** **12.00 Hollyoaks** **12.30 Melissa & Joey** **1.00 How I Met Your Mother** **2.00 The Big Bang Theory** **3.00 Melissa & Joey** **4.00 The Goldbergs** **5.00 How I Met Your Mother** **6.00 The Big Bang Theory** **7.00 Hollyoaks** **7.30 Melissa & Joey** **8.00 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 FILM: Insidious** (2010) (15) Horror, starring Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne. **11.05 The Big Bang Theory** **12.00 Tattoo Fixers** **1.00 Bodyshockers: My Piercing Hell** **2.05 Virtually Famous** **2.45 Friday Night Dinner** **3.10 2 Broke Girls** **3.35 Bodyshockers: My Piercing Hell** **4.30 90210** **5.10 Charmed**

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8.55 The Restoration Man **10.00 Location, Location, Location** **11.05 Kirstie's Vintage Gems** **11.15 FILM: Man in the Saddle** (1951) (U) **12.55 Time Team** **2.00 Come Dine with Me** **4.40 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** **5.45 A Place in the Sun: Home or USA?** **6.50 The Restoration Man** **7.55 Grand Designs** **9.00 FILM: Braveheart** (1995) (15) Oscar-winning historical epic,

directed by and starring Mel Gibson. **12.30 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** **1.30 Grand Designs** **2.35 Embarrassing Bodies** **3.45 Close**

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 August Rush (2007) (PG) **1.15 Dragonball Evolution** (2009) (PG) **2.55 Aliens in the Attic** (2009) (PG) Children's sci-fi comedy, starring Carter Jenkins. **4.35 My Neighbour Totoro** (1988) (U) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Dakota Fanning. **6.20 The Legend of Zorro** (2005) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Antonio Banderas. **8.50 Trainwreck Interview Special** **9.00 Bridesmaids** (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Kristen Wiig. **11.25 MacGruber** (2010) (15) Action adventure spoof, starring Will Forte. **1.10 Red Hill** (2010) (15) **3.10 Close**

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Rocket City Rednecks **7.20 American Pickers** **9.00 Lizard Lick Towing** **2.00 American Pickers** **7.00 Storage Hunters** **8.00 QI XL** **10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You** **11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats** **12.00 QI XL** **2.00**

Storage Hunters **3.00 Rocket City Rednecks** **3.20 Live at the Electric** **4.00 Close**

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6.00 The Real A&E **7.00 Sun, Sea and A&E** **8.00 Glee** **9.00 The Flash** **10.00 Hawaii Five-0** **12.00 NCIS: Los Angeles** **1.00 Hawaii Five-0** **3.00 The Flash** **4.00 The Simpsons** **6.00 Futurama** **6.30 The Simpsons** **8.00 Modern Family** **9.00 A League of Their Own** **10.00 Hawaii Five-0** **11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles** **1.00 Road Wars** **2.00 Street Crime UK** **3.00 Night Cops** **4.00 Stargate Atlantis** **5.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue**

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6.00 Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00 Seinfeld** **8.00 Networks of Power** with Sir Christopher Meyer **9.00 House** **11.00 Without a Trace** **12.00 Blue Bloods** **1.00 Stargate Atlantis** **2.00 Star Trek: Enterprise** **3.00 Seinfeld** **4.00 Networks of Power** with Sir Christopher Meyer **5.00 House** **7.00 Without a Trace** **8.00 Blue Bloods** **9.00 Band of Brothers** **11.35 Aquarius** **1.35 The Brink** **2.10 Bored to Death** **2.40 Veep** **3.15 Hello Ladies**



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Saturday August 15th

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BBC1

Match of the Day, 10.20pm



6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **10.30 VJ Day 70: The Nation Remembers** (S) **12.15 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 VJ Day 70: The Nation Remembers** (S) **3.30 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **4.00 Final Score** A round-up of this afternoon's football results. (S) **5.15 Pointless Celebrities** A sitcom special of the quiz show, featuring Vicki Michelle and Ian Lavender. (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News** (S) **6.10 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **6.15 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade** (1989) (PG) Action adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford and Sean Connery. (S)

BBC2

The White Countess, 10.40pm



7.25 San Demetrio, London (1943) (PG) (S) **9.00 More Creatures Great and Small** (S)(R) **10.00 The Women's Football Show** (S) **10.30 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **11.30 Alex Pollizzi: Chefs on Trial** (S)(R) **12.30 Omar Sharif: Talking Pictures** (S) **1.00 Funny Girl** (1968) (U) (S) **3.25 Hidalgo** (2004) (12) Period adventure, starring Viggo Mortensen. (S) **5.30 Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth** Dolphin pods and penguin colonies in the South Atlantic. (S)(R) **6.30 Gardeners' World** Monty Don seeks help for his troublesome box hedges. (S)(R)

7.00 Proms Extra With Maestro Juanjo Mena. (S)
7.40 Edwardian Farm The team heads to Dartmoor to explore how shepherds took advantage of the landscape. (S)(R)

8.40 Dad's Army The men of Walmington-on-Sea's Home Guard use up all their ammunition shooting at a passing aircraft, so Captain Mainwaring has to hold a court of inquiry. (S)(R)

9.10 VE Day: Remembering Victory Famous names including David Attenborough, Bruce Forsyth and Miriam Margolyes share their memories of May 8, 1945, when it was announced the war in Europe was over. (S)(R)

10.40 The White Countess (2005) (PG) A relationship develops between a blind former American diplomat and a Russian refugee in 1930s Shanghai. Period romantic drama, with Ralph Fiennes. (S)

12.45 Dancing Through the Blitz: Blackpool's Big Band Story (S)(R) **2.15 This Is BBC Two** (S)

ITV

Catchphrase, 5.15pm



6.00 CITV **8.25 ITV News** (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **12.25 ITV News; Weather** (S) **12.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Guests air their differences. (S)(R) **1.35 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **2.35 Celebrity Squares** Guests include Paddy McGuinness, Louis Smith and Michelle Keegan. (S)(R) **3.20 Midsomer Murders** A body is found in a river. (S)(R) **5.15 Catchphrase** Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 You've Been Framed!** A cat terrorises a postman. (S)(R)

7.00 Keep It in the Family Six Emmerdale stars face the drop as two families from London and Bolton decide whether to swap a prize, drop it or keep it in the family. Bradley Walsh hosts. (S)

8.00 The Saturday Night Story Part one of two. Celebrating best-loved and most watched moments from Saturday night TV, including the evolution of dancing and the hidden camera phenomenon. (S)

9.00 The Bourne Supremacy (2004) (12) The amnesiac assassin is framed for a botched CIA operation and faces a fight for survival as he tries to uncover his past. Action thriller sequel, with Matt Damon. (S)

11.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
11.20 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 **3.00 Ejector Seat** (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

Great Canal Journeys, 7pm



6.10 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) **6.35 The Grid** (S) **7.00 London Triathlon** Action from the recent event that saw professionals and amateurs in competition. (S) **8.00 The Morning Line** Rishi Persad presents a look ahead to this afternoon's racing at Newbury. (S) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **11.25 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.55 Rude(ish) Tube** (S) **1.25 Channel 4 Racing Live** coverage from Newbury, Newmarket and Ripon. (S) **4.15 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **6.40 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Great Canal Journeys Veteran actors and married couple Timothy West and Prunella Scales celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with trips around the canal networks of Britain and France. (S)

8.00 Walking Through History Tony Robinson hikes up from Lyme Regis in Dorset to the Somerset Levels telling the story of the 1685 Monmouth Rebellion, an attempt to overthrow James II. Last in the series. (S)(R)

9.00 Red (2010) (12) A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt, and reunites his old hit squad to find out who wants them dead. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Morgan Freeman. (S)

11.10 Repo Men (2010) (18) A man employed to repossess artificial organs questions his career when he needs a mechanical heart he cannot pay for. Sci-fi thriller. (S)

1.15 The Last Leg (S)(R) **2.15 Hollyoaks** (S)(R) **4.15 Kirstie's Vintage Gems** (S) **4.20 Double Your House for Half the Money** (S)(R) **5.25 Fifteen to One** (S)(R)

Channel 5

Football League Tonight, 9pm



6.00 Milkshake! **10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** Part one of two. Kraang launches a devastating attack on New York City. (S)(R) **10.35 Cowboy Builders** (S)(R) **1.25 North Sea Hijack** (1979) (15) Thriller, starring Roger Moore. **3.20 The Dirty Dozen** (1967) (12) Twelve convicts are sent on a mission to destroy a French chateau being used as a German military base. Second World War action adventure, starring Lee Marvin and Telly Savalas. Edited for language. **6.10 Sinkholes: Buried Alive** The underlying forces behind these natural disasters. (S)(R)

7.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door A man in Cumbria complains about his neighbour's menagerie of birds. (S)(R)
7.55 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away Sheriff Paul Bohill is forced to evict a school dinner lady. (S)(R)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football League Tonight Kelly Cates and George Riley present highlights of the latest games, including Milton Keynes Dons v Preston North End and Queens Park Rangers v Cardiff City in the Championship. (S)

10.25 Rob Brydon Live A stand-up show recorded at Norwich's Theatre Royal during the comedian and actor's first UK tour in 2009, featuring comic tales, impressions, songs and anecdotes. (S)(R)

11.20 The Great British Benefits Hotel Documentary revealing how hotels are increasingly being used to help ease the housing crisis, with a wide variety of guests filling their spare beds. (S)(R)

12.15 SuperCasino **3.10 Transporter: The Series** (S) **4.00 Police Interceptors** Unleashed with Vinnie Jones (S)(R) **4.50 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.15 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.45 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R) **5.50 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **8.35 Coronation Street** **11.00 Take Me Out** **12.10 FILM: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey** (1993) (U) **1.55 You've Been Framed! Kids Special** **2.55 You've Been Framed!** **3.25 FILM: Jack and Jill** (2011) (PG) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **5.20 The X Factor: The Boss Looks Back** **6.25 FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man** (2012) (12) Superhero adventure reboot, starring Andrew Garfield. **9.00 FILM: Practical Magic** (1998) (12) Fantasy, starring Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman. **11.10 FILM: The Matrix Reloaded** (2003) (15) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Keanu Reeves. **1.50 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** **2.15 Life's Funniest Moments** **2.35 Teleshopping** **5.35 ITV2 Nightscreen**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Wycliffe **6.55 Where the Heart Is** **9.00 Bertie and Elizabeth** **11.05 Rosemary & Thyme** **12.05 Wycliffe** **1.10 Agatha Christie's Marple** **3.10 FILM: All Creatures Great and Small** (1975) (PG) Veterinary drama, starring

Simon Ward. **4.55 FILM: Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore** (1976) (12) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **7.00 Doc Martin** **8.00 Lewis** **10.00 Agatha Christie's Marple** **12.00 Wire in the Blood** **1.30 Never the Twain** **1.55 ITV3 Nightscreen** **2.30 Teleshopping**

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth **7.15 Don't Tell the Bride** **8.15 Top Gear** **9.15 FILM: The Mexican** (2001) (15) Comedy thriller, starring Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts. **11.10 Family Guy** **1.30 People Just Do Nothing** **2.00 Pramface** **3.30 People Just Do Nothing** **4.00 Close**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Natural World: Chimps of the Lost Gorge **8.00 Lost Land of the Volcano** **9.00 The Young Montalbano** **10.50 Top of the Pops 1978: Big Hits** **11.50 It's Only Rock 'n' Roll: Rock 'n' Roll at the BBC** **12.50 4,000 Year Old Cold Case: The Body in the Bog** **1.50 Lost Land of the Volcano** **2.50 Delphi: The Bellybutton of the Ancient World** **3.50 Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Jane the Virgin **6.45 Baby Daddy** **7.35 Rude(ish) Tube** **8.35 Suburgatory** **9.30 Baby Daddy** **10.30 Melissa & Joey** **12.00 Made in Chelsea LA** **1.00 Come Dine with Me: Made in Chelsea Special** **2.00 The Goldbergs** **3.30 How I Met Your Mother** **4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **4.30 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 FILM: Ferris Bueller's Day Off** (1986) (15) Comedy, starring Matthew Broderick. **11.05 Gogglebox** **1.05 Rude Tube** **2.10 How I Met Your Mother** **2.55 2 Broke Girls** **3.45 Rules of Engagement** **4.10 Come Dine with Me: Made in Chelsea Special** **5.05 Revenge**

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.20 Time Team** **10.20 The Somme's Secret Weapon: A Time Team Special** **11.25 Food Unwrapped** **11.55 Four Rooms** **1.00 Four in a Bed** **3.45 Salvage SOS** **4.40 FILM: Runaway Bride** (1999) (PG) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. **6.55 Grand Designs** **8.00 World's Worst Natural Disasters** **10.05 Britain's Winter: Storm Heroes**

11.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.15 8 Out of 10 Cats** **1.00 World's Worst Natural Disasters** **3.10 Food Unwrapped** **3.40 Close**

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Lady Vanishes (1979) (PG) **1.00 Congo** (1995) (12) **3.10 The Rugrats Movie** (1999) (U) **4.45 Mr Popper's Penguins** (2011) (PG) Family comedy, starring Jim Carrey. **6.35 Multiplicity** (1996) (12) Sci-fi comedy, starring Michael Keaton. **9.00 The Five-Year Engagement** (2012) (15) Romantic comedy, with Jason Segel and Emily Blunt. **11.25 The Final Destination** (2009) (15) Horror sequel, starring Bobby Campo. **1.00 Van Helsing** (2004) (12) **3.45 Close**

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Top Gear **9.00 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green** **2.00 Parks and Recreation** **3.00 Last Man on Earth** **4.00 Storage Hunters UK** **7.00 Would I Lie to You?** **9.00 QI XL** **10.00 Taskmaster** **11.00 Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled** **12.00 FILM: True Romance** (1993) (18) **2.20 Would I Lie to You?** **2.50 Dave's One Night Stand**

3.40 Meat Men 4.00 Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **7.00 Glee** **8.00 The Man from Uncle Special** **8.30 Mission: Impossible - MI - Rogue Nation Special** **9.00 The Fantasy Football Club** **10.00 Soccer AM** **12.00 The F1 Show** **1.00 NCIS: Los Angeles** **5.00 Modern Family** **5.30 Yonderland** **6.00 The Simpsons** **7.00 Hawaii Five-O** **9.00 FILM: Assault on Precinct 13** (2005) (15) Action thriller, starring Ethan Hawke. **11.10 The Last Ship** **12.10 Hawaii Five-O** **3.40 Road Wars**
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6.00 The Pitch **7.00 Friday Night Lights** **8.00 Seinfeld** **11.00 Star Trek: Enterprise** **1.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets** **2.00 Micro Monsters with David Attenborough** **3.00 Blue Bloods** **7.00 Without a Trace** **9.00 Game of Thrones** **11.25 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver** **12.00 Entourage** **2.05 The Knick** **3.15 Seinfeld** **5.10 The British**



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Sunday August 16th

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Country-
file,
7pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.40 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 BBC News** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News**; Weather (S) **1.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **2.00 Escape to the Country** Two couples look for homes in North Yorkshire. (S)(R) **3.00 Animal Odd Couples** Part two of two. Friendships between animals and humans. (S)(R) **4.00 The Great British Bake Off** (S)(R) **5.00 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.35 Earth's Natural Wonders: Vast Wonders** (S)(R) **6.35 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)

7.00 Countryfile Joe Crowley and Anita Rani report from the Country Land and Business Associations annual game fair at Harewood House, and try their hands at kayak fishing. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. (S)

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate potentially valuable works of art, helping a man who believes he owns a painting by French post-impressionist Edouard Vuillard. (S)(R)

9.00 Partners in Crime Part one of three. Tommy is sent on a secret undercover mission to unmask a Russian spy and discover what has become of a nuclear scientist who has gone missing. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S) **10.20 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **10.30 Match of the Day 2** Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v Chelsea. (S)

11.30 FILM New Town Killers (2008) (15) An inner-city teenager agrees to be the prey in a deadly game of cat and mouse played by a banker and his latest recruit. With Dougray Scott. (S)

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.10 BBC News** (S)

BBC2

Dragons'
Den,
8pm

6.00 Animal Park (S)(R) **6.30 The Instant Gardener** (S)(R) **7.15 Countryfile** (S)(R) **8.15 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.45 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **9.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **10.45 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Rugby Union** (S)(R) **2.00 European Amateur Boxing Championships** (S) **2.50 Equestrian** (S) **4.00 Dancing Through the Blitz: Blackpool's Big Band Story** Celebration of the big band sound that saw Britain through the Second World War. (S)(R) **5.30 VJ Day 70: The Nation Remembers - Highlights** (S)

7.00 Burma, My Father and the Forgotten Army Griff Rhys Jones visits Ghana and Burma as he explores the stories of the Africans and Asians who fought for the Allies during the Second World War. (S)(R)

8.00 Dragons' Den The dragons give their opinions on ideas for an electric tuk tuk and a range of Korean inspired sauces - but the pressure proves too much for one would-be entrepreneur. (S)

9.00 Odyssey Luc rescues Odelle and Aslam. (S)

9.45 Country Strife: Abz on the Farm New series. Former boy band member Abz Love tries to start his own smallholding. (S)

10.15 Family Guy Stewie and Brian use their time machine to help Chris, but trouble ensues when they all get stuck in the past. (S) **10.35 Family Guy** Peter and his cronies go on a quest to seek out and confront God. (S)

11.00 Family Guy Chris learns he is the heir to Carter's fortune. (S) **11.20 FILM Let Me In (2010) (15)** Horror remake, starring Chloe Grace Moretz and Kodi Smit-McPhee. (S)

1.05 FILM We Are What We Are (2010) (15) Mexican horror, starring Francisco Barreiro. **2.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile** (S)(R) **3.25 Holby City** (S)(R) **4.25 This Is BBC Two** (S)

ITV

Midsomer
Murders,
8pm

6.00 CITV **8.25 ITV News** (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **12.25 ITV News**; Weather (S) **12.35 Love Your Garden** Alan Titchmarsh creates a garden for a Dorset family coping with illness. Last in the series. (S)(R) **1.35 FILM Smokey and the Bandit (1977) (PG)** Comedy, starring Burt Reynolds and Jackie Gleason. (S) **3.25 FILM The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12)** Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton. (S) **5.30 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R) **6.30 ITV Regional News**; Weather (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

7.00 Nature Nuts with Julian Clary Julian meets a woman who takes care of thousands of injured hedgehogs and helps her check up on a former patient, and meets two "otter spotters". Last in the series. (S)

8.00 Midsomer Murders When the organiser of a folk festival is found dead, it seems the murder may have been inspired by a ballad made famous by a late, lamented singer. (S)(R)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S) **10.15 Man and Beast with Martin Clunes** Part one of two. Martin travels to Nepal, where he meets a farmer whose cows produce milk to fuel for lighting and cooking in his home. (S)(R)

11.15 56 Up Another chance to see the 2012 instalment of the landmark series, with an update on a group of participants whose lives have been chronicled since 1964. (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 **3.00 Motorsport UK** (S) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R)

Channel 4

Experimen-
tal,
8pm

6.15 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) **7.05 Volkswagen Racing Cup** (S) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Amazing Spaces** **Shed of the Year 2015** (S)(R) **1.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **2.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **3.25 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent** Phil Spencer helps a beautician living with six dogs. (S)(R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location** Family homes in Bournemouth and Poole. (S)(R) **5.35 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away** St Ives in Cornwall and Costa del Azahar in Spain. (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 The Real Noah's Ark: Secret History Inspired by his discovery of an ancient tablet shedding light on the biblical tale, Irving Finkel and a team of boat builders set out to construct a real Noah's ark. (S)(R)

8.00 Experimental Tim Shaw and Buddy Munro go to the Caucasus Mountains and try riding down the slopes on a shovel. Tim also builds a football-firing air cannon. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 FILM Zero Dark Thirty (2012) (15) Premiere. Kathryn Bigelow's fact-based drama about intelligence and military operatives trying to track down Osama bin Laden over 10 years. With Jessica Chastain. (S)

12.05 FILM Spline (2009) (15) Starring Adrien Brody and Sarah Polley. (S) **1.50 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **4.05 Double Your House for Half the Money** (S)(R) **5.05 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R)

Channel 5

Police
Intercep-
tors
Unleashed
with Vinnie
Jones,
8pm

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** (S)(R) **10.35 Football League Tonight** Highlights and all the goals from the Championship, League One and League Two. (S)(R) **12.05 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **2.00 FILM Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (2011) (U)** Comedy sequel, starring Jason Lee. (S) **3.40 FILM Willow (1988) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, starring Warwick Davis and Val Kilmer. (S) **6.10 FILM Three Men and a Cradle (1987) (PG)** Comedy, starring Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg. (S)

7.55 5 News Weekend (S)

8.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones Reports of a handgun leads to a hotel being locked down while officers get prepared, while thieves crash a stolen car after a chase and are forced to flee on foot. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM Yes Man (2008) (12) Premiere. A downtrodden man has his life transformed when he decides to say yes to every opportunity. Comedy based on the book by Danny Wallace, with Jim Carrey. (S)

12.55 SuperCasino **3.10 Under the Dome** (S)(R) **4.00 House Doctor** (S)(R) **4.25 Make It Big** (S)(R) **4.50 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.15 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.45 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R) **5.50 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Meghan Trainor: The Hot Desk **6.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.30** Emmerdale **9.15** Coronation Street **11.45** Take Me Out **12.55** The X Factor: The Boss Looks Back **1.55** FILM: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey (1993) (U) Animal adventure, with the voice of Michael J Fox. **3.40** FILM: The Shaggy Dog (2006) (U) Comedy remake, starring Tim Allen. **5.40** The X Factor: Cheryl's Classic Cuts **6.45** FILM: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) (12) Comedy sequel, starring Sandra Bullock. **9.00** FILM: Casino Royale (2006) (12) James Bond spy thriller, starring Daniel Craig. **11.55** Safeword **12.35** Fake Reaction **1.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **1.50** Life's Funniest Moments **2.10** Meghan Trainor: The Hot Desk **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now **6.10** On the Buses **6.35** FILM: Holiday On the Buses (1973) (PG) Comedy, starring Reg

Varney. **8.20** Heartbeat **10.25** Wycliffe **11.30** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.40** Inspector Morse **8.00** The One and Only Cilla Black **9.00** The Mighty Mississippi with Trevor McDonald **10.05** Birds of a Feather **10.35** Northern Lights **11.35** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.25** Blue Murder **2.40** On the Buses **3.05** Movies Now **3.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7

7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** FILM: Minority Report (2002) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Tom Cruise. **11.20** Family Guy **12.05** American Dad! **12.30** Family Guy **12.50** People Just Do Nothing **1.20** Russell Howard's Good News **2.20** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth **2.35** FILM: Revenge of the Bridesmaids (2010) (12) Comedy, starring Raven-Symone and Joanna Garcia Swisher. **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 BBC Proms Sunday Symphony **8.45** Pop Go the Sixties **9.00** Cilla at the BBC **10.00** Sinatra: All or Nothing at All **11.00** Eisteddfod 2015 **11.30** Elvis:

That's Alright Mama 60 Years On **12.30** Sing's Elvis **1.30** Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies **2.30** Treasures of the Louvre **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.55** Suburgatory **7.50** Melissa & Joey **8.55** Made in Chelsea LA **10.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **2.35** How I Met Your Mother **3.30** The Goldbergs **5.00** FILM: Inkheart (2008) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Rude Tube **10.00** Gogglebox **12.05** Tattoo Fixers **1.10** Young, Free & Single **2.15** Gogglebox **3.05** Melissa & Joey **3.30** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Help! My House Is Falling Down **11.00** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces **12.00** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb **1.05** Small Animal Hospital **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Salvage SOS **9.00** Car SOS **10.00** Sarah Millican Home Bird Live **11.05** Embarrassing Bodies: Live From The Clinic

12.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.05** Car SOS **2.05** Walking the Nile **3.10** Small Animal Hospital **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Chalet Girl (2011) (12) Comedy, starring Felicity Jones. **1.00** Home Alone 3 (1997) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Alex D Linz. **3.05** Ponyo (2008) (U) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Noah Lindsey Cyrus. **5.15** California Man (1992) (PG) Teen comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. **7.00** Evolution (2001) (PG) Sci-fi comedy, starring David Duchovny. **9.00** Knight and Day (2010) (12) A woman gets kidnapped and dragged into a rogue secret agent's mission to clear his name after he is framed as a traitor. Comedy adventure, starring Tom Cruise. **11.10** Underworld: Awakening (2012) (18) Action fantasy, starring Kate Beckinsale. **12.50** Floating Clouds (1955) (12) Drama, starring Hideko Takamine. **3.25** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **9.00** Storage

Hunters UK **2.00** Top Gear **7.00** Traffic Cops **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Parks and Recreation **11.00** Mock the Week **1.00** Lee Mack Going Out Live **2.20** Mock the Week **2.50** Dave's One Night Stand **3.35** Meat Men **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **8.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **10.00** Glee **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.00** Futurama **5.00** The Simpsons **7.00** King of the Nerds **8.00** The Last Ship **9.00** Zoo **10.00** School of Hard Knocks **11.00** An Idiot Abroad 2 **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Smash **7.00** Friday Night Lights **8.00** Seinfeld **10.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **1.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **2.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **3.00** Without a Trace **5.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Aquarius **11.00** True Detective **12.35** The Brink **1.10** Nurse Jackie **4.05** Seinfeld

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The Mousetrap

AGATHA Christie's famous murder mystery 'The Mousetrap' is kicking off the Oxford Playhouse's new 2015 to 2016 season of entertainment next Monday, August 17.

First performed in 1952 at Nottingham's Theatre Royal, the thriller focuses on a woman murdered in London, whose killer has never been caught.

When a surprise snowstorm barricades a group of visitors in a guest house near the killing, another murder strikes.

There unravels the tale with a twist, who is this mystery murderer?

"I had the pleasure of taking my own children aged 11 and 12 to The Mousetrap for the first time and they enjoyed it tremendously," Agatha Christie's grandson Mathew Pritchard said.

"They crossed off assiduously in their programmes those whom they thought couldn't have done it (the real culprit was excluded at an early stage!)"

"And I think it tells us something about the success of the play too, as it contains so much for everybody."

"It has humour, drama, suspense and a jigsaw puzzle which is suitable for all ages and taste and regrettably not too many plays on the London scene can

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say the same.

"However, it was great evening for me, and would have been, I am sure, for my grandmother had she been there."

The Guinness Book of World Records lists Agatha Christie as the best-selling novelist of all-time, with her crime novels, romance novels and short stories selling over two billion copies worldwide.

The writer, who lived and worked around Wallingford from 1934 until her death in 1976, is buried in Cholsey.

Famous fictional detectives such as Jane Marple, Hercule Poirot, Parker Pyne and Tommy and Tuppence Beresford were all penned by her, with Poirot appearing in 33 novels, one play and more than 50 short stories published between 1920 and 1975.

And The Mousetrap to this day holds the record for the longest initial run at the West End following its debut back in 1952 - over 25,000 performances have been staged.

Her dedication and love for literature

caught the hearts of the nation which earned the novelist a DBE by Queen Elizabeth II in 1971, four years before her death at the age of 85.

"I suppose it took some time for it to sink in that I had a famous grandmother known to the world as Agatha Christie," Mathew said.

"She could manage to write a book almost without one noticing and sometimes she used to read the new one to us in the summer down in Devonshire."

"She did so partly, I suspect, to test the audience's reaction, but partly to entertain us on the inevitable wet afternoons when, no doubt, I was rather difficult to amuse!"

"I think most of my friends who met her during those years were quite astonished that such a mild, gentle grandmother could really be the authoress of all those stories of intrigue, murder and jealousy."

Mathew also revealed that he received The Mousetrap on his ninth birthday.

Tickets cost from £14 to £30 with the production suitable for over 14s.

• Luke Jennings as Sgt Trotter (back) and Edward Elgood as Christopher Wren (front) (photo by Liza Maria Dawson)

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Playhouse line-up announced

SHOWS at the Oxford Playhouse return this week after a brief summer hiatus with a line-up of performances announced running until October.

The 2015/16 season at the Beaumont Street theatre will kick-off on Monday, August 17, with Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap' - the longest running show in the history of British theatre.

Ending the opening month will be family favourite, 'Room on the Broom', which focuses on a witch whose broom snaps after herself, her cat, a frog, dog and bird all hop on.

The play, based on a book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, runs from August 25 until August 29.

September will be the month of diversity, as a number of comics, productions, dances, musicians and talks are staged.

Starting off the month will be dance show '4x4', in which four ballet dancers and four jugglers collaborate on September 2.

This will be followed up with dance show 'Strike!' on September 3, while children's puppetry production, 'Old Mother Hubbard' on September 5 will be performed by the very popular Garlic Theatre Company.

The first music act to take the stage will be 'Jess Green & The Mischief Thieves'

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on September 7.

'Burning Books' will see Jess Green perform her passionate poems about British education, which will include her poem, 'Dear Mr Gove' with The Mischief Thieves providing original backing tracks.

Also at the Playhouse will be comics Josh Widdicombe on September 9, and Nina Conti on September 12.

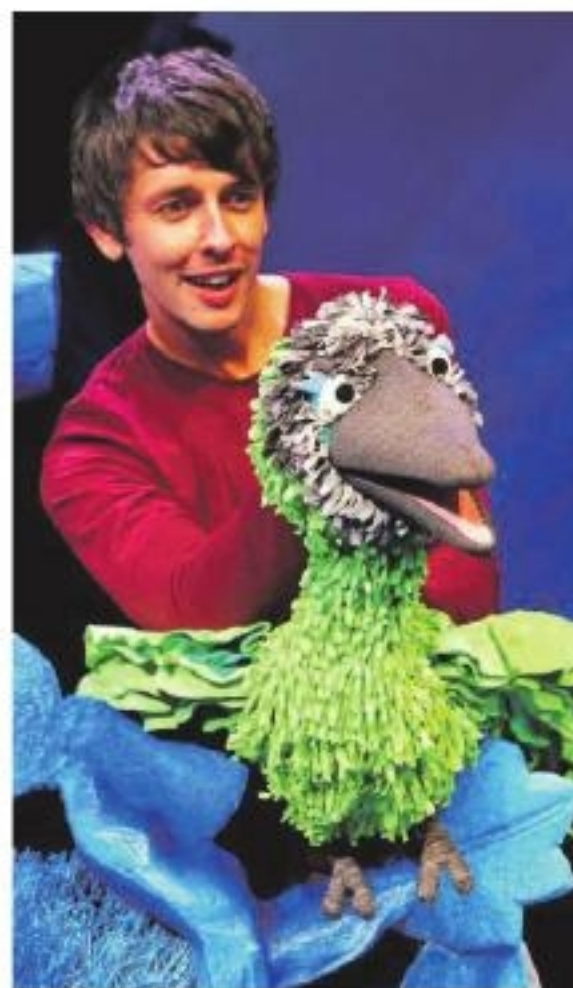
September will see 'Sancho: An Act of Remembrance' performed from September 17 to September 19, which focuses on the British Slave Trade in the 1700s.

And drama-comedy play 'Handbagged' looks at the relationship between Queen Elizabeth II and former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher from September 28 to October 3.

During October children's production, 'What to do When You Find a Dinosaur' will take the stage from October 7 to October 11, followed up by Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest.'

The famous production is at the theatre for 10 days from October 14 to October 24. Ending the month on a different note

will be the visit of BBC Security Correspondent Gordon Corera, who will discuss about espionage, diplomacy and international business.



• Room On The Broom will be at the Playhouse from August 25 to August 29

Oxford Playhouse's shows of 2015:

August 17-22: The Mousetrap

August 25-29:

Room on the Broom

September 2: 4x4

September 3: Strike!

September 5: Old Mother Hubbard

September 7: Burning Books

September 8: Vanity Bites Back

September 8:

Swinging at the Cotton Club

September 9-10: Going Viral

September 9: Josh Widdicombe

September 10: Germaine Greer

September 11:

How to Train Your Dragon

September 12: Oddly

September 12: Nina Conti

September 14-15: No Border

September 17-18:

John Osborne and Molly Naylor

September 17-19:

Sancho: An Act of Remembrance

September 18:

Bold, Brave and Bolshy

September 19-20:

You're Getting Warmer

September 19:

Kid Carpet & The Noisy Neighbours

September 21-26: East is East

September 23-26:

Charlotte Sometimes

September 28-October 3:

Handbagged

September 28-29: Nine Lives

September 30-October 1: Portrait

October 2: Ariane Mnouchkine

October 6-10: Brave New World

October 7-11:

What to do When You Find a Dinosaur

October 14-24: The Tempest

October 28-31: Singin' in the Rain

October 30: Gordon Corera

November 4-7: Pentecost

November 6:

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November 9-14: Sunset Boulevard

November 16-21: Rebecca

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Reliving the best of rock

HITS from the likes of AC/DC, The Eagles and Foo Fighters mastered by musician Darren Hunt will be performed at the Royal Standard pub in Headington this Saturday, August 15.

The full-time singer will visit the London Road boozer for the third time as he embarks on small tour across Oxfordshire, Hampshire, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire throughout August.

And Darren said if the set calls for something original, he would be happy to oblige.

"It fascinates me how music can make both musicians and listeners feel so many different emotions," he said.

"In a typical gig, the song choices and music help us to forget our worries and make us feel good.

"To be able to share that as a musician is incredible."

Alongside performing Darren is also a guitar teacher and has raised money for Cancer Research UK.

He is working on new tracks but has not as yet officially releasing any singles or albums in his musical career.

Darren's focus has been on inspiring a new generation of rockers through gigs, lessons and contributions to music-including supporting other

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musicians, recording radio jingles and helping produce music for films and backing tracks.

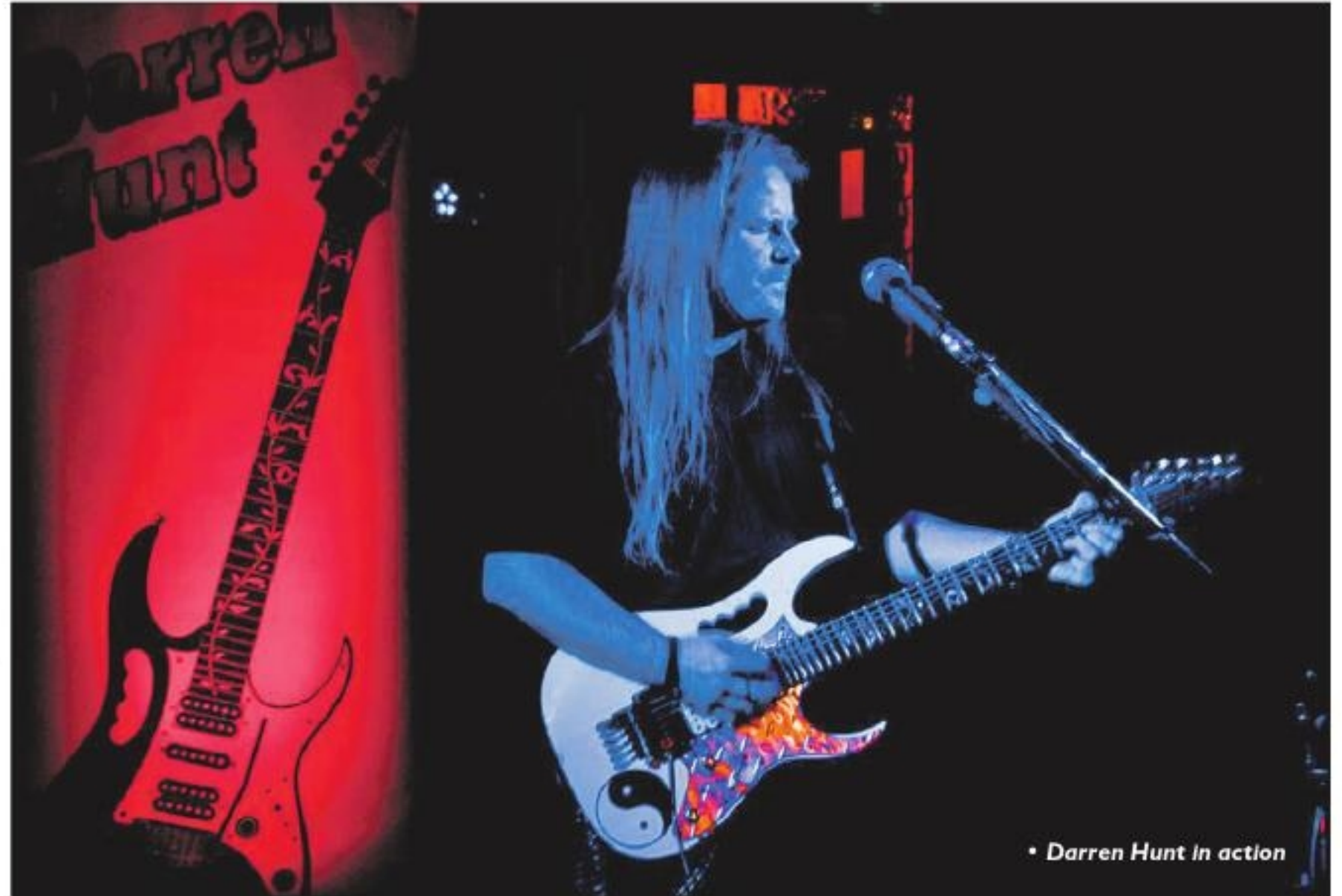
"I'm fortunate enough to be able to call myself a 'professional musician' when not performing and recording, however, the only thing better than being a full time musician is being a dad to my two lovely children Austyn and Violet," he said.

"The numbers of performing bands and musicians is decreasing, and if live music is not supported it will reduce and even cut out live music altogether.

"To have the opportunity to watch musicians up close in your own local and to be able to talk to them afterwards is a real privilege, and it's one of the few times you can be that close to any performing musicians.

"And if we want to continue to be proud of our music scene, we need to remember that the younger generation is the future and we must do our best to inspire them to continue."

The free event starts at 8pm.



• Darren Hunt in action

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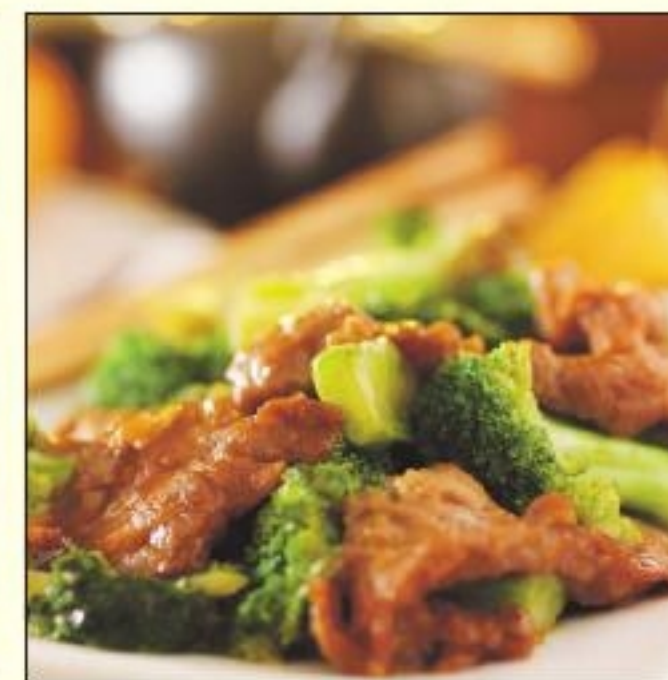
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Katherine Ryan is a Canadian comedienne based in the UK. She has appeared on panel shows **Mock the Week**, **Never Mind the Buzzcocks**, **8 out of 10 Cats** and **QI**. She won the Nivea Funny Women Award and was runner-up in the Amused Moose Laugh Off competition in 2008.

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Garlic Theatre delight children and adults alike with a spiky blend of slapstick and folk humour in this fresh and funny adaptation that features amusing glove puppets, singing teapots and a feast of musical treats.

Sun, Sept 6, 6pm
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Sun, Sept 6, 7pm
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Tuesday, September 8, 1930hrs
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VANITY BITES BACK

Join aspiring TV cookery host Jill for her most exposing episode to date. Delving into the complexities of mental illness and biting back at the silence and stigma surrounding anorexia.

Wednesday, September 9 - Thursday, September 10
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GOING VIRAL

Going Viral is a show about how things spread. Drawing on the science of epidemics, it explores the spread of disease, panic and ideas. It shows how our society resists, and how our connected world makes us both more vulnerable and more human.

Sat, Sept 12, 2pm
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Sat, Sept 12, 7.30pm
The Oxford Playhouse, Oxford

NINA CONTI

British Comedy Award-winner Nina Conti has stormed Live at the

Apollo and Sunday Night at the Palladium, and made a BAFTA-nominated film - all without moving her lips.

Sat, Sept 13, 11am, 3pm
New Theatre, Oxford

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It's the most popular Disney comedy-adventure to hit the big screen and, with the fairy dust of Singalonga added, you are guaranteed a great time. Come on an epic journey to find Anna's sister Elsa, the Snow Queen and put an end to her icy spell.

Thursday, September 17, 1900hrs

The Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot

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Thu, Sept 17, 7.30pm
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Thu, Sept 17, 7.30pm
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SASHA MCVEIGH

Fri, Sept 18, 8.30pm
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Famed as the singer and songwriter in the successful British rock band Gomez, Ben Ottewell has released solo albums "Shapes & Shadows" (2011) and "Rattlebag" (2014).

Saturday, September 19, 2000hrs
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Toyota announces new safety gadgets



SAFETY is the current buzzword in the Toyota team.

The Japanese car manufacturer has added extra safety features and options to some of its cars.

Dubbed 'Toyota Safety Sense', they are being rolled out across the range following its introduction earlier this year in the new Avensis and Auris, whilst the Aygo and Yaris customers can now specify the package as an option on their new car.

The Aygo city car and Yaris supermini are now available with Toyota Safety Sense, a set of four safety features.

On Aygo, Toyota Safety Sense provides a laser-controlled pre-collision system which warns the driver of an imminent collision with a vehicle ahead and readies pre-crash brake assist to deliver emergency braking as soon as the brake pedal is pressed.

If the driver fails to react after the warning, the system will initiate autonomous emergency braking to reduce speed by about 19mph.

The pre-collision system works at speeds between 10 and 86mph, when the relative speed between the Toyota and the car ahead is greater than 10mph.

A lane departure alert function is also included.

This monitors lane markings on the road and helps prevent accidents and head-on collisions caused by a vehicle moving out of its lane.

If the car starts to deviate from its lane without the indicators being used, the

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system alerts the driver with visual and audible warnings.

The same Toyota Safety Sense features are available for the Yaris, together with automatic high beam.

This detects both the headlights of oncoming vehicles and the taillights of vehicles ahead, automatically switching between high and low beams to avoid dazzling other drivers and improving the driver's night-time vision.

Also, road sign assist monitors the road signs ahead, displaying useful information such as the current speed limit or overtaking restrictions in clear view on the cockpit display.

Priced at £375, Toyota Safety Sense is available now as an option on all Aygo models apart from the X grade.

The package for Yaris (all grades apart from Active) costs £400.

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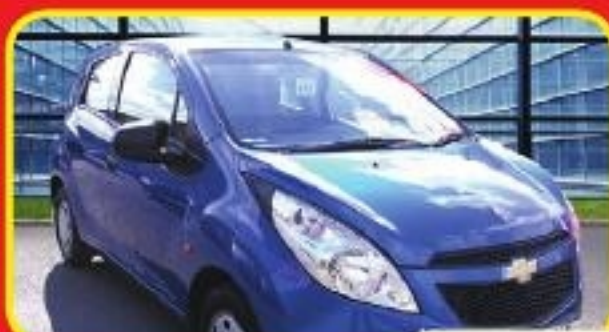
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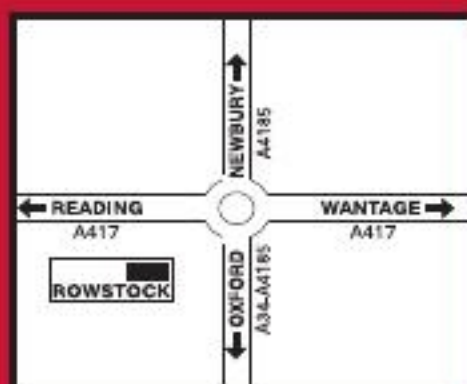
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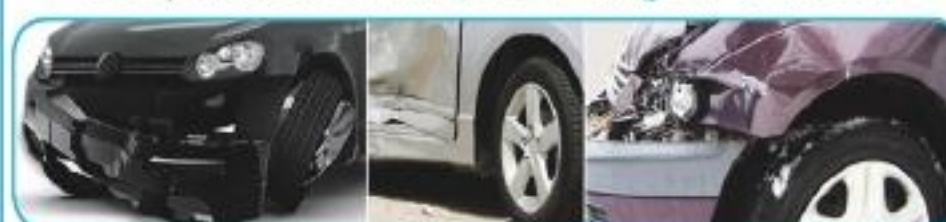
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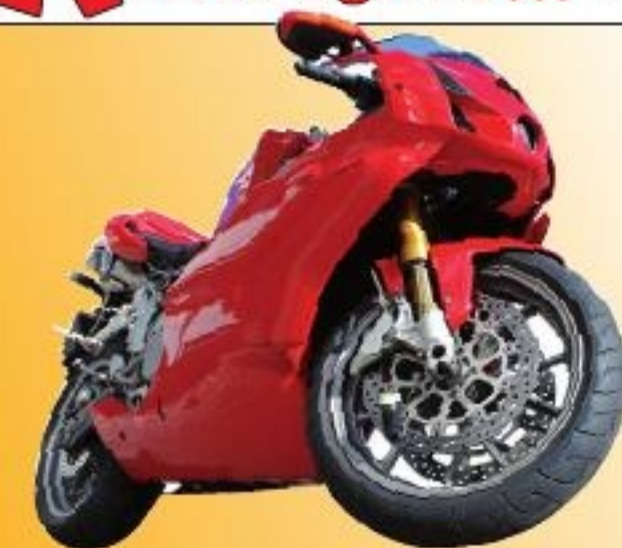
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U's fans praised in historic cup victory

OXFORD United were in huge praise of their fans who sung to them to Capital One Cup glory in a historic 4-0 win over Championship side Brentford at Griffin Park on Wednesday.

United recorded the biggest away win in League Cup history by a fourth tier side versus a team from the top two tiers, as Liam Sercombe, Danny Hylton, Kemar Roofs and John Mullins fired the U's into the second round.

Roofs was the pick of the goals, superbly lobbing Jack Bonham from 40 yards after collecting the 'keeper's ill-advised headed clearance, to put United 3-0 up after 12 minutes.

The result was United first win in eight attempts at Griffin Park, against a side that had made eleven changes from their 2-2 draw with Ipswich Town on Saturday.

Goalscorer Roofs said: "The fans were amazing. They really lifted us and when I scored I ran just about the length of the pitch because there are some moments you just want to share with fans like that."

By Loughlan Campbell

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Fellow goalscorer Mullins added: "It was a great night for everyone but especially with the support we had. They travel all over the country and are always brilliant but I thought they did themselves and the club proud."

Head coach Michael Appleton said: "Even in the warm up they were making a tremendous noise and the way they got behind us from the very start played a part in the way we played."

"The whole end seemed to be bouncing from start to finish and there were terrific scenes after the final whistle."

United will now head off to Luton this Saturday as they look to get their first league win of the season after a frustrating 1-1 draw with newly-relegated Crawley Town last Saturday at the Kassam Stadium.

Appleton added: "Luton will be a big game, and I'm sure that the fans will be with us in numbers once again and give us some fantastic support."



• Danny Hylton jumps on to Kemal Roofs after the winger scores United's third goal (picture by Darrell Fisher)

Blues put up a fight in York defeat

OXFORD RL put up a strong fight in their Kingstone Press League 1 encounter with York City Knights in a 36-26 defeat.

The Blues came close to victory in the tight affair but York's Jack Blagbrough's late try was the nail in the coffin of what was a very spirited performance.

The Knights lost Jack Aldous early on, who was shown red for striking out with just six minutes on the clock.

However, the hosts soon found themselves 10-0 up in the encounter after Ben Dent and Blagbrough crossed with James Haynes converting.

Josh Nathaniel provided Oxford their first try of the game and Nathan Kitson added the extras for the Blues.

Haynes then converted his own try for a 16-6 score before Oxford's Craig Cook went over and Kitson successfully kicked true.

The Knights' Greg Minikin then went further ahead through a converted try before Josh Tonks burst through a scored another try for Oxford.

Minikin scored again for York to make it 30-16.

Oxford's Kyle Danms and York's Andrew Hoggins crossed before York sealed off the win through Blagbrough.

Oxford suffer blow from Reading in 4-0 defeat

OXFORD United Women were outclassed in a 4-0 defeat to Reading in the FA Women's Super League 2 last Sunday.

New United signing Destiney Toussaint was put straight into the United side up front but the U's were missing captain Sahara Osborne-Ricketts who was suspended.

Reading got the breakthrough after 14 minutes, when Helen Ward slipped through the ranks to fire home an effort after receiving a

through ball from midfield.

United began to press forward but Reading then went two goals up after Nikki Watts was left unmarked to fire home a second for the away side in the 38th minute.

The United defence was beginning to creak under the pressure and just two minutes later, Ward sent a dangerous ball over the top for Rebecca Jane to blast into the net.

Reading could have had their fourth just after the break when

Nia Jones was denied from close range by United's Hannah Cox.

The fourth goal then came through Emma Follis who planted the ball into the net on the turn in the 58th minute.

United tried to squeeze in a consolation past Reading 'keeper Grace Moloney with Kayleigh Hines' free-kick batted away from close range.

United will travel to the Solihull Moors to take on Birmingham City Ladies this Sunday.



• Oxford's Kayleigh Hines goes for a header earlier this season (picture by Chris Janes)

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Ox Saints in 'best form' ahead of Thunder test

OXFORD Saints' defence coach Andy Peart has claimed the side are in the best form they've been in all year, as they swiped Jurassic Coast Raptors aside in a 41-0 ahead of their play-off confrontation with Sussex Thunder.

The Saints are due to travel to Brighton on August 23 for the game that has been dubbed Saints' biggest in nearly 10 years.

In 2006, Saints won the Division 2 title and now the squad are three games away from repeating the feat.

Peart said ahead of the game: "We feel like we are on an upward curve and now we are

fine-tuning the player's performances ahead of the clash.

"We know we are heading in the right direction and we are currently in the best form we've been all year.

"The players are well aware of the history of this side and we cannot wait to take to the field and win this game."

The sides last faced each other in a pre-season friendly at the beginning of this year in a 53-28 defeat for the Saints.

Peart said of the clash: "We played our first team in the first half of that game and swapped things round at half-time.

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"We know we are a much better team now than when we were at the start of the season."

The Saints took on the Raptors in a friendly at Abingdon Rugby Club last Sunday and Peart said the game presented a chance to test the club's fringe players.

He said: "The game was about giving a chance to our fringe players to step up and claim a place in the play-off team and some of them gave us something to think about."

In terms of picking Saints' player of the season, Peart was of high praise for running back James Walter.

The star player rushed over 1,000 yards in just eight games.

Peart added: "Walter has been absolutely outstanding, we are not reliant on him, but he has been absolutely outstanding."

The game with Sussex Thunder will take place at Brighton Rugby Football Club in Brighton, with kick off at 2.30pm.

• James Walter evades the Raptors' defence to catch a pass (Picture by Chris Janes)



Sport Bites

Milton held

FOOTBALL: Milton United were held to a goalless draw with Wokingham and Emmbrook at the Triangle Ground on Tuesday night.

The result was United's first point of the season after they suffered a 1-0 defeat to Thame United at The Heights on Saturday.

Milton will travel down to Holyport to take them on the FA Cup at Summerleaze Village on Saturday.

Ardley beaten

FOOTBALL: Ardley United's first home league match of the season ended in a disappointing 2-0 defeat to Longlevens on Tuesday evening in the Hellenic League Premier Division.

The away side's Craig Martin and Dave Merrick got the goals to condemn Ardley to their first defeat of the season after their 1-1 draw with Binfield last Saturday.

Ardley will now take on Tuffley Rovers in the FA Cup at the Playing Fields this Saturday.

Late goal in Thame loss

FOOTBALL: Thame United were unlucky to concede a last-minute goal in their 2-1 defeat to Binfield at the ASM Stadium.

Danny Horscroft's late goal saw the Berkshire side take him all three points with Khalid Sensussi putting Binfield in front early on before Ben Gray was able to head in from a goalmouth scramble.

Thame United are next up against Farnham Town at the ASM Stadium in the FA Cup on Sunday.

Smith bullish ahead of Brno test

OXFORD'S Bradley Smith is looking for the fight as he heads to the Czech Republic to score more top results as he preps for the 11th round of the 2015 MotoGP World

Championship in Brno.

Smith intends to continue his impressive form aboard his Yamaha YZR-M1 to grab another high finish in Sunday's race.

The Monster Yamaha Tech3 rider said: "The Czech Grand Prix at Brno is a circuit I really enjoy racing on and I think we can do a thorough job there this weekend."

Smith produced a fantastic display to take sixth place in the Indianapolis MotoGP on Sunday night.

The Oxford rider started from ninth on the grid and managed to get as high as fifth before subsequently finishing in sixth by

the race's conclusion.

Smith is in a confident mood as he heads to Brno and is currently in fifth in the championship on 97 points after 10 rounds.

He added: "There will be work to do but I am going to push as hard as possible so that I can hopefully cross the line as the leading satellite rider again."

After Brno, Smith claims he will focus on the 12th round of the GP which is at Silverstone on the Bank Holiday weekend and a race he claims is 'one of the highlights' of his year.

• Bradley Smith (picture courtesy of Tech3)



United grab draw against Marlow's 10

BANBURY United earned their first point of the season after Marlow came back to earn themselves a point in an exciting game at Oak Tree Road on Tuesday night.

A late goal from Chris Ovenden prevented United from snatching all three points after Leam Howards put them ahead in the first half.

United got their breakthrough in the 20th minute when Zac McEachran played in Howards to knock the ball into the net from just six yards out.

Marlow came out in the second half looking to snatch a result, and Banbury 'keeper Jack Harding did well to turn an Ovenden shot away from the goal shortly after the restart.

The home side were then down to 10 men after Devontae Romeo was sent off for a second yellow card offence.

However, this didn't seem to affect Marlow as they launched forward attack after attack, and in the 72nd minute lovely passing from Jordan Brown and Ovenden led to the latter sweeping the ball into the net for the equaliser.

Neither side managed to steal the win and it seemed that both sides believed it to be a fair result come the full time whistle.

United now travel away to Bridgwater Town in Somerset this Saturday.

Plato back in business with double podium at Snetterton

OXFORD'S Jason Plato surged into a 16-point lead in the British Touring Car Championship after securing two podium finishes at Snetterton at the weekend.

Plato entered the weekend 10 points back but secured a second, a third and a fourth place

position across the weekend's three races at the 3-mile Norfolk circuit.

Gordon Shedden, Plato's rival had led the championship going into the race but Plato's performance meant he took the mantle as the Championship returned after a summer break.

The Team BMR racing driver was more than happy with his team's performance across the weekend.

The 47-year-old tweeted: "Cracking performance yet again from everyone at @TeamBMRBTCC well done and thanks boys and girls."

Plato's teammate Colin Turkington also had a strong weekend as he earned a double victory at the weekend.

The Oxford driver had to settle for third in the opening race after qualifying in the position but was unable to challenge Turkington in the race.

The weekend's second race saw Plato take fourth but he settled the weekend in style with a second place finish as he battled MG Triple Eight Racing's Jack Goff, who earned his first BTCC victory.

Plato is now on 230 points, with teammate Turkington on 214.

• Jason Plato on the podium (Picture courtesy of BTCC.net)



Teen scoops gold with Team GB in Sweden

A 15-YEAR-OLD girl from Faringdon made history as part of the Great Britain team that won gold in this year's FEI European Pony Dressage Championships for the first time.

Rebecca Bell was part of the team that took part in the tournament, held in Malmo, Sweden is for riders aged 14 to 16 on ponies.

The team was completed by Isobel Berrington, 15, from Welwyn, Hertfordshire, Clare Hole, 13, from Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Phoebe Peters, 16, from Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

Rebecca, considered one of the veterans of the team, was up third in day two of the competition and put in a polished performance to score 71.077

per cent.

The team's overall score was 79.974 per cent, which promoted Britain to gold, overtaking the Danish team.

The 15-year-old finished 13th in the individual test and Rebecca finished eighth in the freestyle competition with a score of 73.925 per cent.

British Dressage chief executive Jason Brautigam said: "The team and individual performances were nothing short of spectacular."

"These four riders met the challenge head on and they rode with exceptional skill and flair."

"Of course behind every performance is a great support team and while the riders have to perform in the area, a great deal goes on behind the scenes to get them there."

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CARNELL BAGS HIMSELF A HAT-TRICK IN 5-1 WIN

DIDCOT Town captain Luke Carnell was the hat-trick hero for his side as The Diddy laid down a marker for the rest of the season in a 5-1 win over Bishops Cleeve on Tuesday.

Goals from Connor McDonagh and Josh Dutton-Black added gloss to the scoreline in a match which saw joint-manager Jamie Heapy celebrate his 850th game.

Cleeve's Leroy Odiero scored the visitors' solitary goal.

Cleeve would not have been looking forward to their return to the Loop Meadow stadium after John Mills netted five last season in an 8-2 win back in March.

Ian Concannon and Jamie Heapy's squad would not let the Gloucestershire side forget it as they put the visitors to the sword in a high calibre performance.

The match was tight in the opening stages with both sides looking to strike early blows and McDonagh opened the scoring after latching on to a loose ball and putting it past the visitors' keeper Sam Gilder.

However, Cleeve soon equalised with Leigh Bedwell beaten from close range after Odiero climbed highest to head in Aaron Drake's corner in the 27th minute.

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Didcot were quickly back in front through Dutton-Black as he blasted an effort from range after he was played in by Mark Janes to take the score to 2-1 at half-time.

Cleeve came out of the blocks firing in the second half but Carnell managed to snatch his first of the day after placing a bullet header from a Marvin Martin corner past Glider in the 55th minute.

Carnell's second came from a blocked free-kick that he lashed into the net from just outside the box in the 85th minute, before Matt Woodley was brought down for a penalty.

Carnell then stepped up and sent the keeper the wrong way to secure his hat trick - an impressive feat from the defender.

It comes after Didcot kick-started their season last Saturday with a thrilling 3-1 win at Larkhall Athletic, in which McDonagh scored his first competitive brace for the Diddy and that saw Adam Learoyd also find the net.

Next up for The Diddy is a visit from Taunton Town as they aim to make three wins from three.



• Didcot's captain Luke Carnell in pre-season action (picture by Roger Neal)

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